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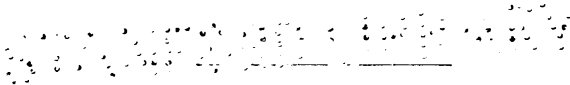


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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED AT THE

JANUARY SESSION, 1903.

[The Chapters of the Public Laws are numbered continuously from
the General Laws, Revision of 1896.]

CHAPTER 1088.

AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE ACTS OF ARTHUR O'LEARY
AS A NOTARY PUBLIC. Passed Jan. 30,
1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. All acts, matters, and things done or performed by Arthur O'Leary, of Providence, as a notary public in the state of Rhode Island, appointed by the governor in June, A. D. 1901, and duly commissioned and engaged, but failed to file the certificate required by law, are hereby declared valid and effectual in all respects as if the said Arthur O'Leary had taken the engagement prescribed by the laws of the state before entering upon the duties of said office, provided the same shall not affect any pending litigation. Acts of, validated.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1089.

Passed Feb. 24, 1903. — — — — — AN ACT TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE.

Constitution of the state, proposition of amendment to.

WHEREAS, a proposition of amendment to the constitution of this state was proposed by the last general assembly by the votes of the majority of all the members elected to each house, and the same has been published and read to the electors at their annual town, ward, and district meetings held in November last, as required by the thirteenth article of the constitution of this state, and is now presented to this general assembly for their action thereon; and a majority of all the members elected to each house at said annual meetings being present and approving of said proposed amendment:

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The following proposition of amendment to the constitution of this state, proposed by the last general assembly, is hereby declared approved, and for the purpose of publication and submission to the electors shall be designated as follows:

“ARTICLE XII.

Supreme court, powers of.

“SECTION 1. The supreme court shall have final revisory and appellate jurisdiction upon all questions of law and equity. It shall have power to issue prerogative writs, and shall also have such other jurisdiction as may, from time to time, be prescribed by law. A majority of its judges shall always be necessary to constitute a quorum. The inferior courts shall have such jurisdiction as may, from time to time, be prescribed by law.

To give written opinions upon questions of law, when and upon request of whom.

“SEC. 2. The judges of the supreme court shall give their written opinion upon any question of law whenever requested by the governor or by either house of the general assembly.

"SEC. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this amendment shall take, in the constitution of the state, the place of sections 2 and 3 of article X, entitled 'Of the judicial power,' which sections are hereby annulled.

"SEC. 4. Section 3 of Article XIV of the constitution of the state, entitled 'Of the adoption of this constitution,' is hereby annulled.

"SEC. 5. The general assembly shall provide by law for carrying this amendment into effect, and until such provision shall be made, the supreme court, as organized at the time of the adoption of this amendment, shall continue to have and exercise the same powers and jurisdictions which it shall then have under such organization."

SEC. 2. The said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at meetings of the electors to be held on the third day of November, A. D. 1903. The voting places in the several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for general officers of the state.

Amendment
proposed, to be
voted upon,
when.

SEC. 3. The secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to be published as a part of this act in the manner provided by law for publishing the public laws of the state, prior to the day of the said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted by the town and city clerks in the warrants or notices by them to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward, or district meetings; and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, and district clerks to the electors in the town, ward, and district meetings to be held as aforesaid.

Proposition of,
publication of.

SEC. 4. The town, ward, and district meetings to be held as aforesaid shall be warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town, ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

Meetings of
electors, how
warned.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1090.

Passed Feb. 27, 1903. AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTS OF JAMES M. BUCKLEY
AS A NOTARY PUBLIC.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Acts of, val-
dated.

SECTION 1. All acts, matters, and things done or performed by James M. Buckley, of Ashton, in the town of Cumberland, as a notary public in the state of Rhode Island, appointed by the governor in June, 1901, and duly commissioned and engaged, but failed to file the certificate required by law, are hereby declared valid and effectual in all respects as if the said James M. Buckley had filed the certificate prescribed by the laws of the state before entering upon the duties of said office, provided the same shall not affect any pending litigation.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1091.

Passed March
19, 1903.

AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 330 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE GENERAL LAWS," PASSED MAY 13, A. D. 1896.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 330 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Purchase by
the U. S. of
certain land
sanctioned.

"SECTION 1. The consent of the state of Rhode Island is given to the purchase by the government of the United States, or under the authority of the same, of any tract, piece, or parcel of land from any person within the limits of the state for the purpose of erecting thereon *post-offices*, light-houses, beacon lights, range lights, life-saving stations, and light-keeper's dwellings, and other needful public buildings connected therewith,

or for the location, construction, or prosecution of forts, fortifications, coast defences, and appurtenances thereto or for the location and maintenance of any cable lines, landing places, terminal stations, and other needful buildings connected therewith for weather bureau purposes; and all deeds, conveyances, or title papers for the same shall be recorded, as in other cases, upon the land records of the town in which the land so conveyed may lie; the consent herein given being in accordance with the seventeenth clause of the eighth section of the first article of the constitution of the United States and with the acts of congress in such cases made and provided."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1092.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7 OF CHAPTER 853 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, PASSED MARCH 29, 1901, ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 170 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED 'OF PRIVATE AND SEVERAL OYSTER FISHERIES.'"

Passed March
24, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Chapter 853 of the Public Laws, passed March 29th, 1901, entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 170 of the General Laws, entitled 'Of private and several oyster fisheries,'" is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Commissioners
of shell fish-
eries may lease
certain land as
private oyster
ground in the
town of West-
erly.

"SEC. 7. Said commissioners may, unless otherwise by statute prohibited, agree to lease in the name of the state, by public auction or otherwise, to any suitable person being an inhabitant of this state, any piece of land within the state, covered by four feet of tide water at mean low tide, as delineated upon the plats in the office of the commissioners of shell fisheries, and not within any harbor line: *Provided*, that in Brightman's Pond or Babcock's Pond, so called, in

the town of Westerly, said commissioners may agree to lease any piece of land therein, below mean low water mark, whether the same is covered by four feet of tide water or not, to be used as a private and several oyster fishery for the planting and cultivation of oysters thereon, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem proper, but not for a longer term than ten years or for a shorter term than five years, nor for a rent of less than ten dollars per annum for every acre to be leased where the water is of the depth of less than twelve feet at mean low water, as shown on the plats in the office of the commissioners of shell fisheries, and not agreeing to lease more than one acre at a time in one lot or parcel to one person or firm, but in drawing such leases said commissioners may include in the instrument of lease one or more acres of land so leased by them, and all such leases shall be made and executed free of expense to the lessee; and neither of such commissioners shall at any time be interested in any lease of ground for planting oysters, or in the cultivation or product thereof: *Provided, however,* that in Little Narragansett Bay, and in Pawcatuck river below "Pawcatuck Rock," so called, the said commissioners may let such land on terms as to time and rentals as may seem to them best."

CHAPTER 1093.

Passed April 3, 1903. _____ AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER 227 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF JURORS AND JURIES."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Undertakers
exempted from
jury duty.

SECTION 1. In addition to the persons exempted from serving as jurors mentioned in section 3 of Chapter 227 of the General Laws, there shall also be exempted from serving as jurors all persons duly licensed and engaged as undertakers during the time said persons are engaged in said business.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1094.

AN ACT MAKING AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL INFANT ASYLUM.

Passed April 7,
1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Saint Vincent de Paul Infant Asylum, a corporation created by the General Assembly at its January session, A. D. 1891 ; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order on the general treasurer in favor of the treasurer of said asylum for said sum upon receipt of an order approved by the governor. And the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby annually appropriated to said Saint Vincent de Paul Infant Asylum.

Annual appro-
priation to St.
Vincent de
Paul Infant
Asylum.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1095.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT
OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D.
1903.

Passed April
15, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The following sums or so much thereof as may be authorized by law are hereby appropriated to the objects hereinafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending on the 31st day of December, 1903, to be paid out of the several appropriations herein mentioned ; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his orders for such portion thereof as may be required from time to time, upon the receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers :

Annual appro-
priations for
the support of
the state gov-
ernment.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

SALARIES.

To the governor, three thousand dollars.

To the lieutenant governor, five hundred dollars.

To the secretary of state, thirty-five hundred dollars.

To the attorney-general, forty-five hundred dollars.

To the general treasurer, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To ex-chief justices and chief justice of the supreme court, fifty-five hundred dollars each; and to the associate justices and ex-associate justices thereof, five thousand dollars each.

To the state auditor, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the insurance commissioner, one thousand dollars.

To the commissioner of public schools, three thousand dollars.

To the assistant attorney-general, two thousand five hundred dollars.

To the reporter of the decisions of the supreme court, twelve hundred dollars.

To the commissioners of shell fisheries, three hundred dollars each, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the railroad commissioner, two thousand five hundred dollars.

To the deputy railroad commissioner, five hundred dollars.

To the state sealer of weights, measures, and balances, five hundred dollars.

To the librarian of the law library, twelve hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the secretary of state, two thousand dollars.

To the clerks of the state auditor, three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

To the clerk of the commissioner of public schools, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

To the clerk of the general treasurer, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the sheriff of the county of Newport, six hundred dollars.

To the sheriffs of the counties of Bristol, Kent, and Washington, four hundred dollars each.

To the crier of the courts in Providence county, seven hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the appellate division of the supreme court, county of Providence, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To the assistant clerk of the appellate division of the supreme court, county of Providence, eighteen hundred dollars.

To the additional assistant clerk of the appellate division of the supreme court, county of Providence, one thousand dollars.

To the clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court, county of Providence, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To the assistant clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court, county of Providence, eighteen hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the appellate division of the supreme court, county of Newport, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

To the clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court, county of Newport, ten hundred and fifty dollars.

To the clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court, county of Bristol, six hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court, county of Kent, twelve hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the appellate division of the supreme court, county of Washington, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

To the clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court, county of Washington, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the first judicial district, twelve hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the district court of the first judicial district, one thousand dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the second judicial district, one thousand dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the third judicial district, eleven hundred dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

To the justice of the district court of the fourth judicial district, twelve hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the district court of the fourth judicial district, eight hundred dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the fifth judicial district, one thousand dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the sixth judicial district, four thousand dollars.

To the clerk of the district court of the sixth judicial district, two thousand five hundred dollars.

To the messenger of the district court of the sixth judicial district, five hundred dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the seventh judicial district, one thousand dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the eighth judicial district, twelve hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the district court of the eighth judicial district, ten hundred dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the ninth judicial district, one thousand dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the tenth judicial district, twelve hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the district court of the tenth judicial district, ten hundred dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the eleventh judicial district, one thousand dollars.

To the clerk of the district court of the eleventh judicial district, one thousand dollars.

To the justice of the district court of the twelfth judicial district, twelve hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the district court of the twelfth judicial district, eight hundred dollars.

To the commissioner of dams and reservoirs, one thousand dollars.

To the adjutant-general, twelve hundred dollars.

To the quartermaster-general, ten hundred dollars.

To the assistant adjutant-general of the state, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For the payment of salary of the assistant adjutant-general of the brigade of Rhode Island militia, two hundred and fifty dollars.

To the secretary of state board of soldiers' relief, two thousand dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

To the factory inspectors, fifteen hundred dollars each, three thousand dollars.

To the commissioner of industrial statistics, two thousand dollars.

To the clerk of the insurance commissioner, one thousand five hundred dollars.

To the secretary of the appellate division of the supreme court, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the members of the board of harbor commissioners, three, at six hundred dollars each.

To the secretary of the state board of health, seventeen hundred dollars.

To the members of the state returning board, at five hundred dollars each.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

For the executive secretary of the governor, twelve hundred dollars.

SECRETARY OF STATE RETURNING BOARD.

For the secretary of the state returning board, one thousand dollars.

SECRETARY OF COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND FISHERIES.

For the secretary of the commissioners of inland fisheries, six hundred dollars.

STATE REGISTRAR.

For the state registrar, for making an annual abstract and report of the registration of births, marriages, and deaths, to be paid on approval of secretary of state, one thousand dollars.

STATE LIBRARIAN.

To the state librarian, one thousand dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

CLERK OF ATTORNEY—GENERAL.

To the clerk of the attorney-general, five hundred dollars.

CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELL FISHERIES.

To the clerk of the commissioners of shell fisheries, one thousand dollars.

ADDITIONAL CLERK HIRE, SECRETARY OF STATE.

For additional clerk hire in the office of secretary of state, twelve hundred dollars.

STATE MESSENGERS.

For the two messengers for new state house, one thousand dollars each.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

For clerical assistance rendered secretary of state, one thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance for clerk of the district court of the first judicial district, three hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance for clerk of the district court of the sixth judicial district, fifteen hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance in the office of the adjutant-general, fifteen hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance for the quartermaster-general, one thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance for assistant adjutant-general, brigade Rhode Island militia, five hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance for the clerk of the appellate division of the supreme court, Newport county, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For clerical assistance for the clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court, Newport county, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For clerical assistance for the state returning board, eight hundred dollars.

For additional clerical assistance in the office of insurance commissioner, sixteen hundred dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

For additional clerical assistance for clerk of common pleas division, supreme court, Providence county, fifteen hundred dollars.

For additional clerical assistance for general treasurer, fifteen hundred dollars.

For clerk hire and incidental expenses for law library, five hundred dollars.

SOCIETIES.

For the Rhode Island Historical Society, fifteen hundred dollars.

For the Newport Historical Society, five hundred dollars.

For the society for the prevention of cruelty to children, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, one thousand dollars.

For the prisoners' aid association, one thousand dollars.

For the Providence Lying-in-Hospital, two thousand five hundred dollars.

EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

For the pay and mileage of the members of the general assembly, thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

For the pay of the clerks of the general assembly, three thousand dollars.

For the pay of the clerks of the committees of the general assembly, eight thousand three hundred dollars.

For the pay of sheriffs and deputies, for attendance upon the general assembly, four hundred twenty dollars.

For the pay of doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the senate and house of representatives, two thousand six hundred and forty dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

For the pay of the pages of the house of representatives and pages for the senate, fifteen hundred dollars.

For stationery and stamps for general assembly, to be expended under the direction of the secretary of state, ten hundred dollars.

For accounts allowed by the general assembly, nine thousand dollars.

ADVERTISING AND PUBLISHING PUBLIC LAWS.

For publishing the public laws in the newspapers, and such other advertising as may be required, when certified and approved by the secretary of the state, ten thousand dollars.

FOR JUDICIAL EXPENSES.

For traveling expenses, etc., of the justices of the supreme court, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For traveling expenses, etc., of the attorney-general and the assistant attorney-general, three hundred and fifty dollars.

For traveling expenses, etc., of the stenographic clerks, four hundred and fifty dollars.

For the payment of jurors' fees, fifty thousand dollars.

For the payment of officers' fees in the appellate and common pleas divisions of the supreme court, provided that only actual attendance be paid for, thirty thousand dollars.

For payment of witnesses' fees in the appellate and common pleas divisions of the supreme court, twenty thousand dollars.

For incidental expenses of the appellate and common pleas divisions of the supreme court, five thousand five hundred dollars.

For payment of officers' fees in district courts, fifteen thousand dollars.

For the payment of witnesses' fees in district courts, seven thousand dollars.

For payment of officers' fees in criminal cases, ten thousand dollars.

EDUCATION.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

For the support of the Rhode Island normal school, sixty-four thousand dollars.

For traveling expenses of the pupils of the Rhode Island normal school, four thousand dollars.

The Rhode Island school of design, six thousand dollars.

For public schools, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, the apportionment by schools to be paid on and after July 15, 1903, and the residue December 15, 1903.

For public schools, as provided by sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of chapter 544 of the public laws, twenty thousand dollars.

For evening schools, six thousand dollars.

For purchase of school apparatus, four thousand dollars.

For teachers' institutes for defraying the expenses of procuring teachers and lecturers, to be holden under the direction of the commissioner of public schools, five hundred dollars.

For lectures and addresses, to be expended under the direction of the board of education, three hundred dollars.

For expenses of examinations as provided by section 10 of chapter 544 of the public laws, two thousand five hundred dollars.

FOR STATE HOME AND SCHOOL.

Twenty-one thousand dollars, in addition to such sums as may be received by said state home and school from the sale of products from the farm of said home and school.

FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE R. I.
INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF.

Twenty thousand dollars, in addition to the moneys received by them which shall have been paid into the treasury.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

FOR BOARD OF STATE CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.

Three hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the moneys received by them which shall have been paid into the treasury as provided in section 20, Chapter 29, of the General Laws, which moneys are hereby appropriated for their use, excepting so much thereof as may be received for fines and costs.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

For the state board of health, six thousand dollars.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

For the state board of agriculture, twenty thousand dollars.

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS.

For the state board of public roads, five thousand dollars.

R. I. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE.

For the support and maintenance of the R. I. college of agriculture and mechanic arts, fifteen thousand dollars.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

For free public libraries, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

STATE LIBRARY.

For state library, eight hundred dollars.

LAW LIBRARY.

For law library, three thousand dollars.

INDIGENT INSANE.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

For the support of the indigent insane, ten thousand dollars.

EDUCATION OF BLIND AND IMBECILE.

For the education of blind and imbecile children, seventeen thousand dollars.

FOR COURT HOUSES AND JAILS.

For repairs of the following buildings, court houses, and jails, and for furniture, fixtures, and supplies for the same:

For old state house, Providence, five hundred dollars.

For new state house, Providence, five thousand dollars.

For court house in Providence, three thousand dollars.

For court house in Woonsocket, five hundred dollars.

State house and jail in Newport county, one thousand dollars.

Court house and jail in Washington county, five hundred dollars.

Court house and jail in Kent county, four hundred dollars.

Court house and jail in Bristol county, four hundred dollars.

FOR CARE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

For two persons to take charge of the old state house in Providence, eighteen hundred dollars.

For a person to act as janitor of the Newport county court house, four hundred dollars.

For a person to act as janitor of Newport county jail, five hundred dollars.

For a person to act as watchman of Newport county jail, six hundred dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

For care of Providence county court house, six thousand three hundred dollars.

For a person to act as janitor of the Woonsocket court house, six hundred dollars.

For a person to act as watchman of the Woonsocket court house, six hundred dollars.

For a person to act as janitor of the Washington county court house, five hundred dollars.

For a person to act as janitor of Bristol county court house, seventy-five dollars.

For the care of rooms for the several district courts, five hundred dollars.

For care of soldiers' and sailors' monument in Providence, fifty dollars.

For care of Perry monument at Newport, thirty dollars.

For care of Stephen Hopkins monument, twenty-five dollars.

For care of military burial ground at Dutch Island, fifteen dollars.

STATE PRINTING.

For printing the schedules, the annual reports of the several state boards and offices, all printing ordered by the general assembly, and such other printing as may be required by the several state boards and offices, forty-three thousand dollars.

STATE BINDING.

For binding the schedules, the annual reports of state boards and officers, all reports, etc., ordered bound by the general assembly, and such other reports and documents as may be required by the several state boards and offices, ten thousand dollars.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

For militia and military affairs, thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For armory rents of the militia, seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For heating and lighting armories, three thousand three hundred dollars.

For storage and care of militia equipments, seven hundred dollars.

For a person to act as watchman at camp Rhode Island militia, six hundred dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

For miscellaneous expenses and other expenses not provided for by this act, fourteen thousand dollars.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CORONERS.

For the payment of medical examiners and coroners, five thousand dollars.

FOR JAILS AND JAILERS.

For jailers' fees and for board of persons confined in jail, except in Providence county, three thousand dollars.

FOR FUEL AND GAS.

For fuel and gas for the several court houses and the public offices, to be certified by the sheriffs of the several counties, twelve thousand dollars.

FOR RENTS.

For the payment of rents of the various public offices, and for rooms of district courts, two thousand dollars.

FINES IN CERTAIN CASES.

For payment of fines in certain cases, two thousand five hundred dollars.

SHELL FISHERIES.

For expenses enforcing laws of the state relating to shell fisheries, twelve hundred dollars.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

FOR ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR.

Civil account, three thousand dollars.
Criminal account, two thousand dollars.

SOLDIERS' HOME FUND.

For the support and maintenance of the soldiers' home and the inmates thereof, twenty-five thousand dollars.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND.

For the relief of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines, etc., eleven thousand dollars.

SINKING FUND.

For annual payment to the sinking fund for the redemption of "state house bonds," forty-one thousand dollars.

INTEREST.

For the payment of interest on state house bonds, ninety-six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars.

For the payment of interest on moneys borrowed on account of military and naval expenses, "war with Spain," eight hundred dollars.

COMMERCIAL FEEDING—STUFFS.

For commercial feeding-stuffs, one thousand three hundred dollars.

FACTORY INSPECTORS.

For expenses of factory inspectors, six hundred dollars.

COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS.

For expenses of commissioner of industrial statistics, two thousand dollars.

STATE RECORD COMMISSIONER.

Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

For expenses of the state record commissioner, six hundred dollars.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

For expenses of the attorney-general's department, two thousand dollars.

SECRETARY STATE BOARD SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

For necessary expenses of the secretary of the state board of soldiers' relief, one thousand two hundred dollars.

COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORMITY OF LEGISLATION.

For expenses of commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation, two hundred dollars.

COMMISSIONERS OF BIRDS.

For expenses of commissioners of birds, three hundred dollars.

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS.

For expenses of commissioners of pilots, one hundred dollars.

COMMISSIONER OF DAMS, ETC.

For expenses of commissioner of dams and reservoirs, one hundred and sixty dollars.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

For expenses of railroad commissioner, one thousand dollars.



Annual appropriations for the support of the state government (continued).

STATE RETURNING BOARD.

For expenses of the state returning board, five hundred dollars.

WILD FOXES.

For the payment of bounty for killing foxes, one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1096.

Passed April 15, 1903.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION OF STATE SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Commission on state sanatorium authorized to erect certain buildings.

SECTION 1. The commission on state sanatorium for consumptives appointed by the governor, pursuant to a resolution passed by the general assembly March 28th, 1902, and continued in office by virtue of a resolution passed by the general assembly December 12, 1902, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect on the site acquired by said commission in the name of the state of Rhode Island for a sanatorium all necessary buildings, same to be built substantially in accordance with the plans for the same which have been accepted and approved by the said commission and in accordance with the specifications made, upon which plans and specifications bids have been secured by said commission.

Tenure of office of commissioners.

SEC. 2. The members of said commission shall hold office until the purposes of this act shall be accomplished, and they shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter specified. Any vacancies on said commission shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate.

May make contracts for construction and furnishing.

SEC. 3. Said commission is hereby authorized and empowered to make, on behalf of the state, all contracts

for the construction of said sanatorium and the furnishing thereof, and for the grading and putting into suitable condition the grounds surrounding the same, provided that all portions of said work exceeding in cost the sum of five hundred dollars shall be done by contract, and that proposals for all work or material exceeding one thousand dollars in value shall be advertised for.

SEC. 4. Said commission is authorized and directed to employ a competent architect or architects, and may also employ a secretary at a salary not to exceed six hundred dollars per annum, a superintendent at a salary not to exceed one thousand two hundred dollars, and such other assistants as it may deem advisable, and may fix the compensation of all persons not hereinbefore specified so employed; and if the superintendent be a member of said commission he shall be entitled to receive compensation for his services as said superintendent.

May employ architects, a secretary, and a superintendent.

SEC. 5. No commissioner elected or appointed under this act shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made under this act, or be entitled to any compensation for services except as secretary or superintendent, under penalty of removal from office by the governor upon proof of violation of this provision.

No commissioners to be interested in any contract.

Exceptions.

SEC. 6. Said commission shall, at the January session, A. D. 1904, and annually thereafter during its continuance, report to the general assembly the progress of the work entrusted to it, the contracts outstanding, and the sums expended by it to the date of such report.

Commissioners to report annually.

SEC. 7. To provide for the erection and complete equipment of said sanatorium, ready for occupancy, and to meet all the expenses incurred under this act, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of bills audited by said commission, approved by the governor; and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his order upon the general treasurer for the payment of

Appropriation for construction, etc., of sanatorium.

all such bills out of the amount hereby appropriated. This appropriation shall not expire with the fiscal year of the state, but shall continue in force during the existence of said commission.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1097.

Passed April
16, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 1058 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, PASSED AT THE DECEMBER SESSION, 1902, ENTITLED "AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUE OF LICENSES TO DEALERS IN JUNK, OLD METALS, AND OTHER SECOND-HAND ARTICLES."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 1058 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

License not to
be granted
when objected
to by majority
of owners, or
occupants of
land within 200
feet of build-
ing.

"SEC. 2. No license shall be granted under this chapter to the keeper of any shop or storehouse for the reception of any junk, old metals, or other second-hand articles, in any location not occupied for such purpose at the time of the application for such license, where the owners or occupants of the greater part of the land within two hundred feet of such building or place shall file with the board, town council, or city council, respectively, having jurisdiction to grant licenses, their objection to the granting of such license."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1098.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3, CHAPTER 678, OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 112 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED 'OF BIRDS.'"

Passed April
16, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 678 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"SEC. 3. Said commissioners in their discretion may appoint any number of deputies, and shall issue commissions under their hands to said deputies, empowering them to execute the duties of such office, and shall record the names of said deputies with the secretary of state. It shall be the duty of every commissioner and deputy to enforce the laws of this state relating to birds, and they shall have the power to arrest, without warrant, every person whom they shall find pursuing with intent to kill, taking or killing, birds, or who shall have birds in his possession contrary to the laws of this state relating to birds: *Provided*, that any person so arrested without warrant shall not be detained longer than twelve hours."

Commissioners
of birds may
appoint any
number of dep-
uties.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1099.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

Passed April
16, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 2 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The consent of the state of Rhode Island is given to the purchase by the government of the United States, or under the authority of the same,

Purchase of
certain land by
the U. S. sanc-
tioned.

of any tract, piece, or parcel of land from any person within the limits of the state for the purpose of erecting thereon post-offices, light houses, beacon lights, range lights, life-saving stations, and light-keeper's dwellings, and other needful public buildings connected therewith, or for the location, construction, or prosecution of forts, fortifications, coast defences, and appurtenances thereto or for the location and maintenance of any cable lines, landing places, terminal stations, and other needful buildings connected therewith for weather bureau purposes, or for the establishment of naval stations or coal depots, or the erection of buildings, piers, wharves, or other structures for naval uses; and all deeds, conveyances, or title papers for the same shall be recorded, as in other cases, upon the land records of the town in which the land so conveyed may lie; the consent herein given being in accordance with the seventeenth clause of the eighth section of the first article of the constitution of the United States and with the acts of congress in such cases made and provided."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1100.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF BARBERING, THE LICENSING OF PERSONS TO CARRY ON SUCH PRACTICE, AND TO INSURE THE BETTER EDUCATION OF SUCH PRACTITIONERS. AND TO INSURE BETTER SANITARY CONDITIONS IN BARBER SHOPS, AND TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF DISEASE IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Who may practice the occupation of barber in cities.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice the occupation of barber in any city in this state unless he shall have first obtained a certificate of registration as provided in this act: *Provided, however,* that nothing contained in this act shall apply to

or affect any person in securing his first license who is now and for the past two years has been actually engaged in such occupation, but all licenses issued may be revoked if said licensee does not comply with the provisions of this act. A person so engaged less than two years shall be considered an apprentice, and at the expiration of two years of such employment shall be subject to the provisions of this act as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. A board of examiners consisting of three practical barbers who shall have been citizens of this state for at least three years prior to their appointment, and been engaged in the occupation of barbers at least five years prior to their appointment, is hereby created to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this act. At the present session of the general assembly the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint one member of said board to hold office until the first day of February, A. D. 1904; one member of said board to hold office until the first day of February, A. D. 1905; and one member of said board to hold office until the first day of February, A. D. 1906. At the January session of the general assembly, A. D. 1904, and at the January session of the general assembly in every year thereafter, the governor shall appoint one member of the said board to hold office until the first day of February in the third year after his appointment, to succeed the member of such board whose term will next expire: *Provided*, that any vacancy which may occur in said board when the senate is not in session shall be filled by the governor until the next session thereof, when he shall, by the advice and consent of the senate, appoint some person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term. The members of said board may be removed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of the removal. Each member of said board shall give a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with sureties to be approved by the general treasurer, conditioned for the faithful performance

Board of examiners to be appointed.

By whom.

Terms of.

Vacancies, how filled.

of his duties, and shall take the oath provided by law for public officers.

How to be
organized.

SEC. 3. Said board of examiners shall organize as soon as may be after their appointment and qualification by electing one of the members of said board as chairman, and one of the members of said board as secretary, and one of the members of said board as treasurer, and such organization shall continue until the appointment of any new member of said board of examiners. The secretary of said board shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices, registration certificates, cards, and attest all such papers and orders as said board shall direct; and the secretary shall perform such other duties as shall be designated by said board.

Powers and
duties of.

SEC. 4. Said board shall have power to adopt rules and regulations prescribing the sanitary requirements of a barber shop, subject to the approval of the state board of health, and to cause the rules and regulations so approved to be printed in suitable form, and to transmit a copy thereof to the proprietor of each barber shop in each city in this state. It shall be the duty of every proprietor, or person operating a barber shop in each city in this state, to keep posted in a conspicuous place in his shop, so as to be easily read by his customers, a copy of such rules and regulations. A failure of any such proprietor or person operating a barber shop to keep such rules so posted, or to obey the requirements thereof, shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his certificate of registration; but no such certificate of registration shall be revoked without a reasonable opportunity being offered to such proprietor or person operating a barber shop to be heard in his defense. Any member of said board shall have power to enter and make reasonable examination of any barber shop in any city in this state during business hours, for the purpose of ascertaining the sanitary condition thereof. Any barber shop in any city in this state in which tools, appliances, and furnishings in use therein are kept in an unclean and unsanitary condition, so as to endanger health, is hereby declared to be a common nuisance, and the

proprietor thereof shall be subject to prosecution and punishment therefor.

SEC. 5. Each member of said board shall receive a compensation of five dollars per day for actual service, and two cents per mile for each mile actually travelled while in the discharge of the duties of said board, which compensation, mileage, and all other expenses of said board shall be paid out of any moneys in the hands of the treasurer of said board: *Provided*, that the said compensation, mileage, and all other expenses of said board shall in no event be paid out of the state treasury.

Compensation
of, and how
paid.

SEC. 6. Said board shall present annually to the general assembly, in the month of January, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the board during the preceding year, together with a statement of its acts and proceedings, and such recommendations as it may deem proper. Any moneys in the hands of the treasurer of said board at the time of making such report in excess of five hundred dollars shall be paid over to the state treasurer to be kept by him for the future maintenance of the board, and to be disbursed by him upon warrants signed by the chairman and treasurer of said board.

To make an
annual report.

SEC. 7. Said board shall hold each year, at such times and places as it shall designate, at least four public examinations, notice whereof shall be given by a publication at least ten days before the holding of any such meeting in at least one newspaper printed and published in the county in which such meeting shall be held.

To hold public
examinations,
when and
where.

SEC. 8. Every person now engaged in the occupation of barber in any city in this state, and who shall have been actually engaged in said occupation for the period of two years prior to the passage of this act, and who shall, within ninety days after the passage of this act, file with the secretary of said board an affidavit setting forth his name, residence, and length of time during which and the place or places where he has practiced such occupation, and who shall pay to the treasurer of said board two dollars, shall

Certain per-
sons exempted
from the pro-
visions of this
act.

receive a certificate of registration entitling him to practice said occupation.

Examination
of persons not
qualified, as
provided in
preceding
section.

SEC. 9. Any person not now engaged or who has not been actually engaged in the occupation of barber for two years prior to the passage of this act, or who has not complied with section eight of this act, shall not be authorized to practice said occupation in any city in this state until he shall have obtained a certificate of registration to be granted after complying with the following conditions: 1st. He shall make written application therefor to said board and shall pay to the treasurer of said board an examination fee of five dollars, which shall be in full payment for all examinations to be taken by said applicant. Said application shall be sworn to before the secretary of said board and shall state that said applicant is above the age of nineteen years, of good moral character, that he has studied the trade of barbering for at least two years as an apprentice under a registered and practicing barber, or that he has studied the trade in a barber's school or schools, as hereinafter defined, for at least two years. 2nd. He shall file with said board a certificate of a practicing physician of this state, sworn to before a notary public, that said applicant is free from contagious or infectious diseases. 3rd. Upon the filing of the foregoing application and certificate, said board, at the next meeting held for the examination of applicants, shall examine said applicant as to his skill in said trade, namely, in the care and preparation of the tools and utensils of said trade, shaving, hair cutting, and all the services incident thereto, and being satisfied that said applicant is possessed of the requisite skill to properly practice said trade, the secretary of said board shall enter his name in the register hereinafter provided for, and said board shall thereupon issue to him a certificate authorizing him to practice said trade in this state: *Provided*, that whenever it appears that said applicant has acquired his knowledge of said trade in a barber school the board may subject him to an examination and withhold from him a certificate if it shall thus appear that he is not qualified to practice said trade; *And also provided*, that any

apprentice applying for a certificate of registration shall be allowed for so much time as he may have studied the trade, previous to the passage of this act, under any practical barber in this state.

A barber's school is hereby declared to be a school conducted by a suitable person who is authorized to practice the trade of a barber in this state, and in which all instruction is given by competent persons so authorized, and in which the course and period of training shall comply with the rules and regulations of the said board adopted for the government of barber schools.

Barber's
school defined.

SEC. 10. Nothing in this act shall prohibit any person from serving as an apprentice in said trade under a barber authorized to practice the same under this act, nor from serving as a student in any school for the teaching of said trade under the instruction of a qualified barber. An apprentice within the meaning of this act is one who has entered the employment of a registered barber for a fixed term in order to learn the trade of barbering. Every apprentice, in order to avail himself of the provisions of this act, shall, at the time of entering upon his apprenticeship, file with the secretary of said board a statement in writing, showing the name and place of business of his employer, the date of commencement of employment with him, and the full name and age of said apprentice.

Apprentices
defined.

SEC. 11. Said board shall furnish to each person to whom a certificate of registration is issued a card bearing the seal of the board and the signature of its chairman and secretary, certifying that the holder thereof is entitled to practice the occupation of barber in any city in this state, and it shall be the duty of the holder of such card to post the same in a conspicuous place in front of his working chair, where it may be readily seen by all persons whom he may serve. Said card shall be renewed on or before the first day of January in each year, and the holder of said certificate of registration shall pay to the secretary of said board the sum of one dollar for said renewal card. Upon the failure of any holder of a certificate

Card to be
issued by
board, and
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tain.

Card to be
renewed
annually.

of registration to apply for a renewal of his card on or before the first day of January in each year, his said certificate may be revoked by said board, subject to the provisions of section 13 of this act.

Board to keep
a register.

SEC. 12. Said board shall keep a register in which shall be entered the names of all persons to whom certificates are issued under this act, and said register shall be at all times open to public inspection.

May revoke
certificates,
when.

SEC. 13. Said board shall have power to revoke any certificate of registration granted by it under this act, for (a) gross incompetency; (b) the keeping of a shop, or the tools, appliances, or furnishings thereof, in an unclean or unsanitary condition; (c) failure to comply with the requirements of section 11 of this act: *Provided*, that before any certificate shall be so revoked the holder thereof shall have notice in writing of the charge or charges against him, and shall have reasonable opportunity to be heard in his defence. Any person whose certificate has been so revoked may apply to have the same reissued, and the same shall be issued to him upon a satisfactory showing that the disqualification has ceased. The said board shall have power by its chairman to summon any person to appear as a witness and testify at any hearing appointed by it touching any such charge preferred against any barber of any city in this state, and to examine such witness relating thereto; and may administer oaths to such witness.

Of appeal from
ruling of
board.

Any person aggrieved by any decision or ruling of said board may, within thirty days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, after receiving notice of said decision, take an appeal therefrom to the appellate division of the supreme court, sitting at Providence, and said appellate division of the supreme court shall, as soon as may be, hear and determine said appeal.

Practice of
occupation of
barber defined.

SEC. 14. To shave or trim the beard or cut the hair of any person for hire or reward received by the person performing such service, or any other person, shall be construed as practicing the occupation of barber within the meaning of this act: *Provided*, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to professional nurses, domestic servants, nor to under-

Exceptions.

takers or persons engaged in preparing a body for burial, nor to apprentices under the direction of a duly registered barber.

SEC. 15. Any person practicing the occupation of barber in any city in this state without having obtained a certificate of registration as provided by this act, or willfully employing a barber who has not such a certificate, or falsely pretending to be qualified to practice such occupation under this act, or violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

Penalties.

SEC. 16. The town council of any town in this state is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt the provisions of this act, and upon the adoption of this act by any town of this state, within ten days thereafter the town clerk of said town shall file with the secretary of the board of examiners provided for in this act an attested copy of the vote of the town council setting forth the fact that the provisions of said act have been adopted by the town council of said town, and upon the filing of said attested copy, then this act shall be in full force and effect in said town; and when so adopted the word "city," wherever used in this act, shall be construed to mean and include such town, and the words "passage of this act," wherever used in this act, shall be construed to mean and include the adoption of this act by said town.

Of the adoption of the provisions of this act by towns.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1101.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BETTER MANAGEMENT
OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. All the school districts in this state that have not prior to January 1, 1904, been abolished

School districts to be abolished on and after January 1, 1904.

Property of school districts abolished to be vested in town.

Of debt of school district.

Certain towns may unite for employment of superintendent of schools.

School committees of towns uniting as aforesaid to form a joint committee for the purposes of this act.

according to law shall be and they hereby are declared abolished on and after said January 1, 1904, and all title and interest in all of the schoolhouses, land, furniture, and other property which was vested in the several districts shall be vested in the town in which the said districts were located. The property so vested shall in the case of each town be appraised by a commission of three disinterested persons to be appointed by the common pleas division of the supreme court in the county in which such town is situated, upon the request of the school committee of said town, and at the next annual assessment of taxes thereafter a tax shall be levied upon the whole town equal to the amount of said appraisal; and there shall be remitted to the taxpayers of each district their proportional share of the appraised value of the school property in such district: *Provided*, that if any district be in debt, and said debt be assumed by the town, the amount of said debt shall be deducted from the whole amount to be remitted to the taxpayers of said district; if however the parties in interest prefer, the differences in the value of the property of the several districts may be adjusted in such manner as they may agree upon: *Provided*, that the selection of teachers, and election of superintendent, in such towns as do not unite for the employment of a superintendent, and the entire care, control, and management of all the public school interests of the several towns, shall be vested in the school committee of the several towns.

SEC. 2. Any two or more towns, the aggregate number of schools in all of which shall not be more than sixty, may by vote of the qualified electors of said several towns unite for the purpose of the employment of a superintendent of schools.

SEC. 3. The school committees of the respective towns voting therefor, as prescribed in section 2 hereof, shall form a joint committee for the purposes of this act; said joint committee shall be the agents of each town comprising such union. Said school committees shall meet annually in joint convention, on the last Friday in June, at a place and hour agreed upon

by the chairmen of the respective school committees, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and secretary. They shall choose by ballot a superintendent of schools, fix his salary and apportion the amount thereof to be paid by each of the towns according to the next preceding school census in said town. Such union shall not be dissolved because the number of schools shall have increased beyond the number of sixty, nor, for any reason, for the period of three years from the date of the formation of such union, except by vote of a majority of the towns constituting such union.

SEC. 4. Whenever the chairman and secretary of such joint committee shall certify to the commissioner of public schools that a union has been effected as herein provided, together with the amount of salary to be paid to the superintendent of schools and the proportional amount to be paid by each town forming said union, then, upon the receipt of said certificate by the commissioner of public schools, said commissioner shall draw his order upon the general treasurer in favor of each town in said union for the payment of one half the proportional amount so certified: *Provided*, the amount paid to any one union shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars, which amount shall be paid for the salary of said superintendent: *and provided, further*, that no money shall be paid to any union in which the number of schools does not exceed forty.

Action of commissioner of public schools upon receipt of notice that said union has been effected.

SEC. 5. In case any town or city not united with any other town or city for the purposes of this act, which shall have in the aggregate more than forty schools and which shall annually pay at least fifteen hundred dollars for the salary of a superintendent of schools, such town or city shall be entitled to seven hundred fifty dollars from the state treasury, which amount shall be paid toward the salary of said superintendent, and the commissioner of public schools shall draw his order for said amount upon receipt of the proper certificate from the chairman and clerk of the school committee of said town.

Town or city not united as aforesaid to be entitled to certain moneys.

SEC. 6. There shall be appropriated annually such

sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1102.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF A SHERIFF
FOR PROVIDENCE COUNTY, AND FIXING HIS COMPEN-
SATION.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

Sheriff of Prov-
idence county,
how elected,
term and
salary of.

SECTION 1. At the January session of the general assembly in the year 1906, and each third year thereafter, the general assembly in grand committee shall elect a sheriff for Providence county. The sheriff so elected shall hold office until the first day of February in the third year next after his election and until his successor is elected and qualified. The sheriff in office when this act goes into effect shall continue to hold office until the first day of February, A. D. 1906, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. The sheriff of Providence county shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars which shall be in full compensation for all services rendered by him personally to the state and in lieu of all fees which he is now authorized to receive for such services.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of May, A. D. 1903, and so much of section 2 of chapter 809 of the Public Laws, passed at the January session, A. D. 1901, and of all other acts now in force as are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1103.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, PREPARATION, AND EXHIBITION OF THE EXHIBITS FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION AT ST. LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI, IN 1904.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. For the purpose of exhibiting the resources, products, and general development of the state of Rhode Island at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held in the city of St. Louis, in the state of Missouri, in the year 1904, a commission is hereby constituted to be designated the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission of Rhode Island. Said commission shall consist of three citizens of the state to be appointed by his excellency the governor, and four citizens of the state to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives: *Provided*, that no member of the general assembly be appointed under this act. Any vacancy that may occur in said commission, from death, resignation, or other cause, shall be filled by said commission.

Commission
created to
represent the
state at the
Louisiana Pur-
chase Exposi-
tion.

How consti-
tuted and
appointed.

SEC. 2. Said commission shall be appointed and meet within thirty days from the passage of this act, and shall then organize by the election of a president, vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer from their own number. Said commissioners shall have power to make rules and regulations for their own government, not inconsistent with regulations made by the constituted authorities for the control and conduct of said Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

How to be
organized.

SEC. 3. Said commissioners shall have charge in behalf of this state and its citizens of the collection, preparation, and exhibition at the said Louisiana Purchase Exposition of exhibits of the natural and industrial products of this state, and of objects illustrating its history and its moral and material development; and in general shall have and exercise full and exclusive powers, authorities, and discretion in relation to

Powers and
duties of.

the participation by this state and its citizens in said Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Said commissioners shall make a final report to the general assembly in print.

Same subject.

SEC. 4. Said commission may secure a location on the grounds of said exposition and erect thereon a suitable building for the entertainment of the citizens of this state who may visit said exposition, and may suitably furnish the same: *Provided*, that the entire cost of such building, if erected, including the furnishing, shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

Commissioners to serve without pay.

SEC. 5. No member of said commission for any time being shall receive any compensation for his services out of the state treasury, except his actual travelling expenses for transportation and not to exceed the sum of five dollars per day for subsistence for each day he is necessarily absent from his home on the business of said commission.

To appoint an executive commissioner.

SEC. 6. Said commission shall at its meeting for organization appoint some citizen of this state, who is not a member of said commission, to be the executive commissioner of the Rhode Island exhibition at said exposition. Said executive commissioner shall hold his office during the existence of said commission, and any vacancies that may occur in the office from any cause may be filled by said commission. Said executive commissioner shall be subject to the supervision and control of said commission, exercise and perform as its executive officer all such powers and duties as it shall confer and impose within the powers conferred upon it by this act. Said executive commissioner shall receive a salary to be fixed by said commission, which shall be payable monthly out of the appropriation hereinafter made.

Duties of and tenure of office.

Appropriation.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated, and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order or orders from time to time upon the general treasurer for the payment of authorized expenditures within the appropriation hereby made, out of any money in the treasury not

otherwise appropriated, upon the presentation of vouchers authenticated by vote of said commission or by a properly constituted committee thereof.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1104.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF SHELL FISHERIES TO GIVE A BOND.

Passed April
17, 1908.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The clerk of the commissioners of shell fisheries is hereby required to give a bond in such a sum and with such surety or sureties as will be satisfactory to the general treasurer, with condition faithfully to perform the duties of the office according to law; the expense of procuring said bond shall be defrayed by the state.

Clerk of shell
fish commis-
sioners to give
a bond.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1105.

AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3, CHAPTER 70, OF THE GENERAL LAWS."

Passed April
17, 1908.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Said commissioner shall employ such assistants and incur such expenses incident to the proper discharge of the duties of his office as may be necessary, not exceeding three thousand dollars in amount in any one year, but no such assistant shall be paid more than four dollars per day in addition to his necessary travelling expenses, and the salary provided for said commissioner shall be in addition to the compensation fixed by the census board for said commissioner for the taking state census."

Assistants and
expenses of
commissioner
of industrial
statistics.



SEC. 2. It is intended and hereby declared that this act shall be deemed to have become operative on the first Tuesday in February, 1903, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1106.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 71 OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 28 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Town councils
may lay out,
alter, or
abandon high-
ways and
driftways.

"SEC. 28. Town councils may mark out, relay, widen, straighten, or change the location of the whole of or any part of any highway or driftway, whether laid out by the state or otherwise, except the highways on both sides of the Woonasquatucket river directed to be laid out by Chapter 362 of the Public Laws, passed at the January session of the general assembly in the year one thousand eight hundred sixty-one; and thereupon like proceedings shall be had in all respects, so far as the same are applicable, including appeals, as are provided in this chapter in case of taking land and ascertaining damages to the owners of lands taken in laying out or in case of abandonment of highways."

SEC. 2. Section 30 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Exception.
Land upon
highway or
driftway de-
clared by town
council to be
useless, to
revert to
owner.

"SEC. 30. Whenever, by the judgment of the town council of any town, a highway or driftway in said town, or any part of either, has ceased to be useful to the public, the town council of said town is authorized so to declare it by an order or decree which shall be final and conclusive; and thereupon the title of the land upon which such highway or driftway or part thereof existed shall revert to its owner, and the town shall be no longer liable to repair the same: *Provided, however,* that the said town council shall cause a sign to be placed at each end of such highway or driftway, having thereon the words 'Not a public highway,'

Liability of
town to repair
said land, how
averted.

and after the entry of the said order or decree shall also cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the county in which the said land lies at least once each week for three successive weeks, and a further and personal notice shall be served upon every owner of land abutting upon that part of the highway or driftway which has been abandoned who is known to reside within this state; but nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect any private right of way over the land so adjudged to be useless as a highway or driftway, if such right had been acquired before the taking of such land for a highway or driftway."

SEC. 3. The owners of land abutting upon a highway or driftway in any town shall be entitled, upon the abandonment of such highway or driftway, either wholly or in part, to receive compensation from the town for the damages, if any, sustained by them by reason of such abandonment; and the town council, whenever it abandons the whole or any part of a public highway or driftway, shall at the same time appraise and award such damages.

Owners of land aggrieved by abandonment of highway, etc., to be entitled to damages from town.

SEC. 4. Every town council, before proceeding to abandon any highway or driftway or any part thereof, shall give notice to the owners of the lands abutting upon any part of such highway or driftway within the town to appear, if they see fit, and be heard for or against such abandonment, and as to the damage, if any, which they will sustain thereby. Such notice shall be given by advertisement once a week for three successive weeks next prior to the meeting of the town council at which such abandonment is to be first considered, in some daily or weekly newspaper printed in English and published in the town; or, if there be no such newspaper published in the town, then in some such daily or weekly newspaper published in the nearest town in which such newspaper is published; and a further and personal notice shall be served upon every person known to reside within this state who is an owner of land abutting upon that part of such highway or driftway which it is proposed to abandon.

Of proceedings preliminary to abandonment of any highway or driftway.

Remedy of person aggrieved by order or decree of council in awarding damages.

SEC. 5. Any person aggrieved by the order or decree of a town council awarding damages on the abandoning of a highway or driftway, or any part thereof, may within one year after the making of such award apply by petition to the common pleas division of the supreme court in the county in which the land lies, setting forth the action of the said town council and praying for an assessment of his damages against the said town by a jury. Upon the filing of the said petition, the said court shall cause twenty days' notice of the pendency thereof to be given to the town treasurer of said town by serving him with a certified copy thereof, and may proceed after such notice to the trial thereof, and such trial shall determine all questions of fact relating to the damages sustained by the petitioner, and the amount thereof, and judgment shall be entered upon the verdict of such jury, and thereupon the said petitioner shall be entitled to all the remedies conferred in and by sections 13 and 14 of Chapter 36 of the General Laws.

SEC. 6. Chapter 666 of the Public Laws, passed May 23d, 1899, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1107.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 148 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF VINEGAR."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 148 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sale of adulterated vinegar prohibited.

"SECTION 1. No person shall by himself, his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person, sell, exchange, or have in his custody or possession, with intent to sell or exchange, or expose or offer for sale or exchange, any adulterated vinegar, or label, brand, or sell as cider vinegar any vinegar not made exclusively from apple cider."

SEC. 2. Chapter 148 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding thereto a section to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. All vinegars shall be without any metallic salts of arsenic, lead, copper, tin, or zinc, or any sulphuric, hydrochloric, nitric, or other mineral acid injurious to health; and if any vinegar contains any metallic salts of arsenic, lead, copper, tin, or zinc, or any sulphuric, hydrochloric, nitric, or other mineral acid injurious to health, it shall be deemed to be adulterated within the meaning of this chapter."

Certain substances not to be contained in vinegars.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1108.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 214
OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 214 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Every administrator except the husband as administrator on the personal estate of his wife, and every executor unless he has given bond to pay the funeral charges, debts, and legacies of the testator, or unless the testator shall have otherwise ordered, shall within thirty days after his appointment, or such longer period as may be allowed by the probate court, return to the probate office under oath a true inventory of all the goods, chattels, rights, and credits of the deceased that shall have come to the knowledge of such administrator or executor."

Inventory to be returned, when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1109.

Passed April
17, 1908.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 18 OF CHAPTER 244
OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF VIEWS, WIT-
NESSES, DEPOSITIONS, AND EVIDENCE."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Persons claim-
ing for injury
to the person
to submit to
examination
by expert.

SECTION 1. Section 18 of chapter 244 of the Gen-
eral Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 18. In any action in any court, wherein
damages shall be claimed for any injury to the body
or health, physical or mental, of any person, and
wherein an expert or experts shall be appointed by
any justice under the preceding two sections for the
purpose of making an examination of the body and
health of the person alleged to have been so injured,
such justice shall require the person alleged to have
been so injured to submit to a reasonable examination
or examinations of his body and health, physical or
mental, by the expert or experts so appointed, at such
times and places as said experts may require to enable
them to make their report thereon to the court, and as
such justice shall prescribe; and thereupon such action
shall be continued until such examination or examina-
tions shall have been made. And in any such action
any justice of the court may, upon application of the
plaintiff, require the defendant to permit the attorney
of record of the plaintiff, with or without any expert
or experts appointed under the preceding two sections,
to view and examine the place and cause of such
injury, at such reasonable time, and upon such terms
and conditions, as said justice may direct."

Fees of expert
not to be
allowed as part
of costs.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage;
but the fees of such experts shall not be allowed as
part of the costs of the action.

CHAPTER 1110.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO SECTION 37 OF CHAPTER 244 OF THE GENERAL LAWS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS RESPECTING EVIDENCE.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 37 of Chapter 244 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 37. In the trial of every civil cause, the husband or wife of either party shall be deemed a competent witness: *Provided*, that neither shall be permitted to give any testimony tending to criminate the other or to disclose any communication made to him or her, by the other, during their marriage, except on trials of petitions for divorce between them, and trials between them involving their respective property rights."

Husband or
wife to be com-
petent witness.

Limitations.

SEC. 2. This act shall not apply to any action or suit involving property rights accruing prior to the passage of this act.

Act not to
affect pending
suits involving
property
rights.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1111.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "OF THE CLERKS OF THE SUPREME COURT," BEING CHAPTER 225 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND; AND ALSO IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "OF NEW TRIALS," BEING CHAPTER 251 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17, chapter 225, of the General Laws is amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 17. The chief justice of the supreme court, acting with as many of the associate justices of said court as is practical, shall appoint a sufficient number

Stenographic
clerks to be
appointed by
chief justice.

of competent shorthand writers who shall be known as stenographic clerks, and who shall hold office during the pleasure of said court. One of said clerks shall be designated chief stenographic clerk. All of said clerks shall be duly engaged like other clerks of said court."

SEC. 2. Section 18, chapter 225, of the General Laws is amended so as to read as follows:

Duties and
compensation
of such clerks.

"SEC. 18. Such clerks, or some one of them, shall report stenographically the proceedings in the trial of every action or proceeding, civil or criminal, in the common pleas division, and shall report stenographically the proceedings in the trial of such actions or proceedings in the appellate division as may be heard before a single justice of said division, and shall receive as compensation therefor a sum not exceeding six dollars per day, to be allowed by a justice of said court and paid by the general treasurer upon the order of state auditor. Each such clerk shall also, upon the order of any justice of the supreme court, transcribe his notes of such report, to be filed with the papers in the case, and shall receive a reasonable compensation therefor, not exceeding five cents for each one hundred words thereof, to be allowed by a justice of said court, to be paid in the manner aforesaid. Each such clerk shall also make a transcript of the whole or any part of such report at the request of either party to such action or proceeding, and when completed, and within the time limited by the court for filing the same under the provisions of section 6, chapter 251, of the General Laws, shall immediately deliver the same to the party ordering the same or to the attorney of record of said party, and for such service shall receive a reasonable compensation, not exceeding ten cents for each one hundred words thereof, to be allowed by said court by general rule or special order and paid for by the party ordering the same in such manner as said court by general rule or special order may direct; and in case such transcript is used in subsequent proceedings in said cause the cost of the same may be allowed by any justice of the division in which said cause is pending, as a part of the costs in said cause. The chief stenographic clerk, in addition to any of the afore-

going duties which he may perform, shall from time to time assign the several stenographic clerks to the courts in which they shall perform their respective duties and shall withdraw any of said clerks from service in court whenever it appears to be necessary, and shall do and perform such other duties as said court may direct, and shall receive therefor such additional compensation as the supreme court may determine, not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars in any one year."

SEC. 3. Section 6, chapter 251, of the General Laws is amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. Such party shall take the following steps in the common pleas division where such case is tried:

"*First.* Within five days after verdict or decision rendered he shall file notice in writing in the clerk's office that he intends to prefer such petition.

Notice to be filed in clerk's office.

"*Second.* If such petition be founded upon rulings, or upon evidence and the rulings thereon, to be brought upon the record, he shall file for allowance in the clerk's office a statement of such rulings, or of such evidence and the rulings thereon within five days, but that the justice who tried the cause may, within said five days or within any extension thereof from time to time on motion therefor, extend the time of filing such statements to such time as he may prescribe; or, in case of his absence or disability, any justice of said division may extend the time in like manner: *Provided, however,* that in no case shall said time be extended to more than six weeks from the end of said five days, except that in case the termination of said period falls in vacation or within fifteen days next prior to vacation, the time may be further extended to the end of vacation; *provided further, however,* that in case of the sickness or other disability of the stenographic clerk who made such statement of the evidence and the rulings thereon, and for other causes, the appellate division of the supreme court may, on motion therefor by the party ordering such statement of the evidence and the rulings thereon, for cause shown and after notice to the other parties to said cause, grant a further extension in its discretion.

Statements of the evidence and rulings to be also filed within said five days unless time is extended.

Limitation as to said extension.

Petition to be
filed within
what time.

"Third. Within fifteen days after said five days, or within fifteen days after the filing of such statement or statements, a petition for a new trial shall be filed setting forth specifically the grounds for such new trial, or reasons for entering judgment.

Petition if
properly filed,
to stay judg-
ment; other-
wise judgment
is to be
entered.

"In case all these steps have been taken, judgment shall be stayed; but in case of any default in any step, judgment shall be entered as if such claim had never been made, and with or without additional costs, as said division shall deem proper.

Perfected peti-
tion to be cer-
tified to appel-
late division,
where.

"Fourth. In case there be no such default, the clerk of said division shall certify all the papers in said cause to the appellate division of the supreme court sitting in Providence, Newport, or South Kingstown, as herein provided.

Hearing,
where.

"If such case arise in Newport or Washington county, such petition shall be heard by the appellate division at Newport or South Kingstown, respectively, unless the parties otherwise agree; and such petition shall come up for assignment for trial in said appellate division on the first Monday of the month (exclusive of August and September), whose first Monday, or on the first day of the sitting of said division at Newport or South Kingstown, respectively, which first day occurs next after five days from the filing of such petition, as said petition may be heard at Providence, Newport, or South Kingstown, respectively."

Arraignment
day

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect on the third Monday of July, A. D. 1903.

CHAPTER 1112.

Passed April
15, 1903

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 294 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND, "OF SALARIES AND CLERICAL ASSISTANCE," AS AMENDED BY SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 653 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 294 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 653 of the

Public Laws of Rhode Island, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. The clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court in Providence county is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such additional assistance as he may require in his office in recording, indexing, and attending upon the files of said division, at an annual expense not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer in payment for such assistance on vouchers approved and certified by the clerk of said division. Said clerk of said common pleas division, with the approval of a justice of the supreme court presiding at said division, may designate and appoint one or more assistants with authority to administer oaths to parties, witnesses, and others, as required in the conduct of the proceedings of said division."

Clerk of the common pleas division of the supreme court in Providence county may employ additional clerical assistance.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1113.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 470 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, PASSED MAY 21, 1897, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY.

Passed April 17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Chapter 470 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Complaints for the violation of the provisions of this chapter may be made by any person, and if made by a member of said board, said member shall be exempt from giving surety for costs on any complaint made as aforesaid."

Complaints may be made, by whom.

Members of board not required to give surety for costs.

SEC. 2. Every practicing dentist shall keep his certificate of license, or, in case it be lost, a duplicate thereof, posted in some conspicuous place or manner, so as to be in plain view of his patients; and every

Dentists to have certificate of license, to be conspicuously posted in place of business.

person, firm, or corporation owning or carrying on a dental business in any office, or other room or rooms, shall have, if a person, his or her full name, if a firm, the full names of the members thereof, and if a corporation, the full corporate name thereof, exhibited in plain, readable letters in such office or other room or rooms. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1114.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 9, CHAPTER 544, OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO SECURE A MORE UNIFORM HIGH STANDARD IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Chapter 544 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. No person shall be employed to teach, as principal or assistant, in any school supported wholly or in part by public money unless such person shall have a certificate of qualification issued by or under the authority of the state board of education. And in case any city or town shall pay or cause to be paid any of the public money to any person for teaching as aforesaid who did not, at the time of such teaching, hold such certificate, then the commissioner of public schools shall deduct a sum equal to the amount so paid from the amount of the state's money due, or which may thereafter become due, such city or town before giving his order in favor of such city or town for any of the public money under the provisions of Chapter 53 of the General Laws."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on July first, A. D. 1903, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

No person to
teach without
certificate of
qualification
from state
board of educa-
tion.

Penalty on
towns or cities
employing
teachers not
holding such
certificates.

CHAPTER 1115.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 627 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROTECT THE OWNERS OF CANS, BOTTLES, AND OTHER VESSELS USED IN THE SALE OF MINERAL WATERS, MILK, BEER, CIDER, WINE, OR OTHER BEVERAGES AND COMPOUNDS, PASSED MARCH 3, 1899." Passed April 17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 627 of the Public Laws, passed March 3, 1899, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person, copartnership, or body corporate, other than the manufacturer, bottler, or dealer whose name, mark, device, or other designation of ownership is upon any vessel or receptacle mentioned in section 1 of this act, and which has been filed and published as aforesaid, either by themselves or through any agent or employee, to buy, sell, offer for sale, take, give, receive, handle in the course of business except when containing the liquid therein placed by the owner, bottler, or manufacturer, hire, rent, lend, transport, carry in wagons, carts, push carts, or other vehicles, or to take or collect from ash or garbage receptacles, from public or private dumps, cellars, yards, lots, or premises, or to keep in stock or otherwise store or dispose of, deal or traffic in the same or any parts or pieces of the same, without the written consent of said manufacturer, bottler, or dealer, respectively, whose name, mark, or device, or other designation of ownership shall be therein or thereon. And without such written consent it shall be unlawful to willfully break, destroy, or otherwise injure any such vessel or receptacle, or to willfully mar or erase, cover up, conceal, or remove any such name, brand, mark, or other designation of ownership so appearing upon such vessel or receptacle, or without such written consent, for the purpose of trade or gain, to fill any such bottle, vessel, or other receptacle with any beverage, liquid, medicine, compound, or substance whatsoever, except bottles

Penalty for unlawful use of certain bottles, etc.

having contained a prescription may be refilled for any medicinal purposes.

"And if any of the within described bottles, vessels, and receptacles are found in possession of any person, copartnership, or body corporate other than the manufacturer, bottler, dealer, or legal purchaser or purchasers or receiver thereof without the written consent of such manufacturer, bottler, or dealer, the same may be seized by any peace officer, police officer, or any inspector of any incorporated state bottling protective association who is also a peace officer, without warrant, wherever he shall find the same being illegally held or used, as specified in this section, and may detain the same in some place of safe keeping until a warrant can be secured against the person so illegally holding or using the same.

"Any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three months, or by a fine of one dollar for each and every such vessel or receptacle so filled, sold, given, held, disposed of, or trafficked in, or from which the name, device, or other designation of ownership has been erased, defaced, covered up, or otherwise removed or cancelled, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1116.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 664 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO JUVENILE OFFENDERS AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION OFFICERS."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 664 of the Public Laws, passed at the January session, A. D. 1899, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. In cases against such juvenile offenders, no court fees shall be allowed or taxed against the respondent in any criminal case in any court in this state, and no costs shall be taxed against the respondent in any such case for the services or fees as witness or otherwise of any officer of any of the cities of Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Woonsocket, or Newport, such officer having a salary or fixed compensation from any of said cities. All other officers shall for service of process, for travel, or for attendance in court in all such juvenile cases be entitled to receive the regular fees provided by law for service of process, for travel, or attendance in court as in other similar cases, and the costs therefor shall be taxed against the respondent."

Of fees in cases
against juvenile
offenders.

SEC. 2. Section 6 of Chapter 664 of the Public Laws, passed at the January session, A. D. 1899, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. No fee shall be allowed for the commitment of any such juvenile offender by any officer of any of the cities of Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Woonsocket, or Newport, such officer having a salary or fixed compensation from any of said cities, but an allowance for travel at the rate of ten cents for each mile traveled with such juvenile offender in custody may be paid to any court officer or probation officer designated for that purpose by the court from which the commitment process issues: *Provided*, that such allowance for travel shall in no case be taxed against such juvenile offender; *and provided, also*, that in case of the commitment of any person under the provisions of Chapter 1009 of the Public Laws, the truant officer of any city or town shall be entitled to the fees provided for in said chapter for such commitment by him."

Same subject.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1117.

Passed April
17, 1903. —

AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE ACTS OF LEONARD W. HORTON AS A NOTARY PUBLIC AND AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Acts of
Leonard W.
Horton as a
notary public
validated.

SECTION 1. All acts, matters, and things done or performed by Leonard W. Horton, of Providence, as a notary public in the state of Rhode Island, and as a justice of the peace for the city of Providence, in the county of Providence, and state aforesaid, appointed to both of said offices by the governor in June, A. D. 1902, and duly commissioned to both, but duly engaged on neither, are hereby declared to be as valid and effectual in all respects as if said Leonard W. Horton had taken the engagement prescribed by the General Laws before entering upon the duties of said offices, provided the same shall not affect any pending litigation.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1118.

Passed Feb. 18,
1903. —

AN ACT ENTITLING GEORGE S. TINGLEY, QUARTERMASTER, BRIGADE R. I. M., WITH THE RANK OF CAPTAIN, TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES MENTIONED IN CHAPTER 296 OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Name of
George S.
Tingley
ordered placed
upon the
retired list of
R. I. M.

SECTION 1. George S. Tingley, quartermaster, brigade R. I. M., with the rank of captain, is hereby entitled to all the rights and privileges mentioned in Chapter 296 of the General Laws to which he would have been entitled to had he been in continuous service in Rhode Island militia from September 29, 1883, to the present time; the said George S. Tingley having been in continuous service from September 29, 1883, to the pres-

ent time, with the exception of the time between November 17, 1901, and April 18, 1902.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1119.

AN ACT ALLOWING THE AMERICAN SHIP WINDLASS COMPANY TO LAY AND MAINTAIN A TRACK IN EAST RIVER STREET, IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Passed March
8, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The American Ship Windlass Company is hereby authorized, with the consent of the city council of the city of Providence, to lay and maintain a track in and across East River street, in said city of Providence, connecting the estates of said company, located on opposite sides of said East River street, for the purpose of transporting goods and merchandise.

American Ship
Windlass Com-
pany author-
ized to lay and
maintain a
track.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.

CHAPTER 1120.

AN ACT TO ENABLE JOHN J. BANIGAN AND OTHERS AND THE JOHN N. MASON REAL ESTATE COMPANY TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A CONDUIT UNDER AND ACROSS MIDDLE STREET, IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Passed March
4, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. John J. Banigan, Mary A. McElroy, Alice M. Sullivan, and Emma T. O'Connor, trustees under the will of William B. Banigan, their heirs, successors, and assigns, owners of the estate and building thereon known as the "Alice Building," situate on the southeasterly corner of Westminster and Union streets in the city of Providence and extending back to Middle street in said city, and the O'Gorman Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, as lessee of said Banigan estate, and the John N. Mason Real

Certain per-
sons author-
ized to build
and maintain a
conduit in
Providence.

Estate Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, owner of an estate on the northwesterly side of Weybosset street and extending back to said Middle street opposite to said Alice Building, are hereby authorized and empowered, whenever a permit therefor shall be granted to the aforesaid corporations and persons by the city council of the city of Providence, to build and maintain a conduit under and across that portion of Middle street on which abut the aforementioned estates, for the purpose of connecting and providing a passageway between their said estates and the buildings thereon: *Provided, however,* that said conduit shall be so constructed as not to interfere with the use of said Middle street by the public or by any person or corporation having the right to maintain pipes or conduits under or in said street.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1121.

Passed March
18, 1903.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HARBOR MASTER OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Of the powers
and duties of
the harbor
master of
Providence.

SECTION 1. The powers and duties of the harbor master of the city of Providence shall extend to and over all the public waters between the southerly line of the harbor of said city and a straight line drawn from Rumstick Point on the east shore to Rocky Point on the west shore, and all acts of the general assembly and ordinances of said city now or hereafter passed, relative to the harbor of said city, shall apply to and be in force relative to said public waters.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1122.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 15 OF CHAPTER 688 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, ENTITLED "AN ACT IN RELATION TO BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1878.

Passed April
16, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. In the case of all such buildings of any area as are specified in section 15 of Chapter 688 of the Public Laws, passed at the January session, A. D. 1878, in which the walls do not exceed thirty feet in height, the external walls shall not be less than twelve inches thick, and the foundation walls of the same not less than twenty inches thick, except as provided in section 23 of said chapter. In determining the height of buildings or the walls thereof, under said section 15, the highest points thereof shall be taken to be the highest cornice lines of the buildings. Where iron or steel construction is used, the strength thereof shall be substantially equivalent to that required in cases of brick or other similar construction, and shall be satisfactory to the inspector of buildings.

Building law
amended.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1123.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE BONDS.

Passed April
3, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The town of Cranston is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds under its corporate name and seal to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, which shall bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be made payable at a time not exceeding forty years.

Town of
Cranston
authorized to
issue \$50,000 of
bonds.

Proceeds of
sale of bonds,
how to be
applied.

Interest and
sinking fund.

The principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness. The said bonds shall be signed by the town treasurer and countersigned by the town clerk, and the denomination and form of said bonds, the time and place of their payment, the time and manner in which said bonds shall be issued and sold, shall be prescribed by an ordinance of the town council of said town. The proceeds arising from the sale of said bonds shall be delivered to the town treasurer and shall be applied, with the exception of the premiums derived from the sale of said bonds, to the erection and completion of school-houses in said town; but no purchaser of said bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the proceeds thereof.

SEC. 2. At the annual financial town meeting in said town there shall be annually appropriated a sum sufficient to pay the interest due or to become due on said bonds before the next annual financial town meeting, and also a sum to be placed as a sinking fund sufficient for the redemption of said bonds when due, and all premiums arising from the sale of said bonds shall be placed to the credit of said sinking fund.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1124.

Passed April
16, 1903.

AN ACT DIVIDING THE TOWN OF EAST PROVIDENCE
INTO DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Town divided
into five voting
districts.

SECTION 1. The town of East Providence is hereby divided into five districts for the purpose of balloting for United States, state, town, and district officers.

Dist. No. 2.

SEC. 2. All that part of said town lying north of a line beginning at the east abutment of the Red bridge in said town and running easterly through the centre of Waterman avenue to Massasoit avenue; thence through the centre of said Massasoit avenue to North Broad-

way; thence northerly through the centre of North Broadway to Centre street; thence easterly through the centre of Centre street to Pawtucket avenue; thence northerly through the centre of Pawtucket avenue to Ten Mile river; thence easterly bounding northerly on Ten Mile river to the Massachusetts boundary, shall constitute voting district number two.

SEC. 3. All that part of said town lying south of a line beginning at the Silver Spring wharf in said town and running easterly through the centre of the road from Silver Spring to the north and south road near the residence of James H. Armington, and thence running east to the boundary line between the states of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, shall constitute voting district number three. Dist. No. 3.

SEC. 4. All that part of said town lying south of the southerly line of voting district number two in said town, and north of a line beginning at the westerly end of Taunton avenue and running easterly through the centre thereof to Grosvenor avenue; thence through the centre of Grosvenor avenue and Howard street to the easterly end of Howard street, and in the same course to the state line, shall constitute voting district number one. Dist. No. 1.

SEC. 5. All that part of said town enclosed by said line running from the westerly end of Taunton avenue to the easterly end of Howard street, and continuing thence southerly at right angles to Howard street to the centre of Warren avenue; thence westerly through the centre of Warren avenue to South Broadway; thence through the centre of South Broadway to the brook which passes under the highway at the David Humphrey place; thence through the centre of said brook to the salt water at Bowers' cove; and thence with the shore line to the place of beginning, shall constitute district number four. Dist. No. 4.

SEC. 6. All that part of said town lying south of voting district number one, east of voting district number four, and north of voting district number three, shall constitute voting district number five. Dist. No. 5.

SEC. 7. The ballots of the electors residing in each of said five voting districts shall be cast at such place

in the district where they reside as shall be from time to time designated and provided by the town council of said town, and the places so designated shall continue to be used for that purpose until further action by the town council. The polls in all of said voting districts shall be kept open from nine o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening, and no longer.

SEC. 8. The office of moderator and clerk of voting district number one of said town, as the same is constituted at the time of the passage of this act, are hereby declared vacant, and the town council of said town shall appoint some persons to serve as moderator and clerk in the voting districts numbers one, four, and five hereby created, at all elections held in said town until and at the annual election of state and town officers in November, A. D. 1903, and at such annual election and at the annual election in each year thereafter a moderator and clerk shall be elected in each voting district of said town by the electors thereof.

SEC. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1125.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

School com-
mittee, how
constituted
and term of.

SECTION 1. The school committee of the town of Lincoln, on and after the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1903, shall consist of five members, who shall hold their office for the term of three years from the date of their election or until their successor or successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. The electors of the town of Lincoln, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November,

A. D. 1903, shall vote for one member of the school committee, and at the annual election of town officers in the year 1904 shall vote for two members of the school committee, and at the annual election of town officers in the year 1905 shall vote for two members of the school committee, and annually thereafter the electors shall at their annual election of town officers vote for one or two members of the school committee, as may be required to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of members of the school committee.

SEC. 3. The terms of office of all members of the school committee of the town of Lincoln which expire in the month of June of any year are hereby extended to the annual election of town officers of said town in the same year, or until the election and qualification of their successors.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1126.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM
TO ISSUE BONDS.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of New Shoreham is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds under its corporate name and seal to an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars. The said bonds shall be signed by the town treasurer of said town, and the proceeds arising from the sale of said bonds shall be paid to the town treasurer of said town and shall be applied in discharging the floating debt of said town, but no purchaser of said bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the proceeds thereof.

Town author-
ized to issue
\$100,000 of
bonds.

SEC. 2. The denomination and form of said bonds, their rate of interest, the time and place of payment of

the bonds and of the interest thereon, the manner of said payments, whether in gold coin of the United States or in currency, the time and manner in which said bonds shall be issued and sold, shall be prescribed by an ordinance of the town council of said town. At the annual financial town meeting in said town there shall be annually appropriated a sum sufficient to pay the interest due or to become due on said bonds before the next annual financial town meeting.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1127.

Passed April
14, 1903.

AN ACT REPEALING CHAPTERS 1037 AND 1083 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

New Shore-
ham, act con-
cerning.

SECTION 1. Chapters 1037 and 1083 of the Public Laws, passed respectively April 4 and December 11, 1902, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and such acts and parts of acts that have been repealed by said chapters 1037 and 1083 are hereby re-enacted and declared to be in full force and effect.

CHAPTER 1128.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LICENSES.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

License ques-
tion to be sub-
mitted, provid-
ing for the
granting of
licenses for a
period of four
months.

SECTION 1. The electors of the town of New Shoreham who are qualified to vote in the election of all general officers may at the election of general officers cast their ballots for or against the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in said town from the first day of June to the first day of

October in each year: *Provided*, a number of the qualified electors equal to fifteen per centum of the vote cast for general officers at the election next preceding shall petition the town clerk therefor at least twenty days prior to said election; and the town clerk shall upon such petition insert a proposition, providing for taking such vote, in the warrant calling the town meeting, and shall at least fifteen days previous to the day of said election file with the secretary of state a certificate that the question, "Will this town grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors from the first day of June to the first day of October?" is to be submitted to the vote of the people in said town.

SEC. 2. If a majority of the ballots so cast at any such election be against the granting of such licenses, no license shall be granted, nor until such town shall vote at some subsequent election of general officers to grant such licenses; but if the majority of the ballots cast at any such election shall be for the granting of such licenses, then licenses may be granted in said town for the time above mentioned, next after such election and during such time of each year, until said town shall vote at some subsequent election of general officers not to grant licenses for said time.

SEC. 3. If a majority of the ballots cast at any such election be in favor of granting such licenses as aforesaid, then the town council of said town may grant or refuse to grant licenses to such citizens resident within said town, for the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of said town, as they may think proper, to begin on the first day of June and expire on the first day of October next succeeding the granting of the same. The licensee shall pay therefor a price which shall be in proportion to the length of time which the said license so granted shall continue in force bears to the price for a license for a year as provided in Chapter 102 of the General Laws. The granting of said licenses in all other respects than herein mentioned shall be subject to the provisions of said Chapter 102 of the General Laws or any amendment thereof.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its

passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 1129.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE BONDS.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

Town author-
ized to issue
\$150,000 of
bonds.

SECTION 1. The town of North Kingstown is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds under its corporate name and seal to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be made payable at a time not exceeding forty years from the date hereof. The principal and interest on said bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness. The said bonds shall be signed by the town treasurer and countersigned by the town clerk. The denomination of said bonds shall be one thousand dollars each, and principal and interest payable at the office of the Industrial Trust Company in the city of Providence. The proceeds arising from the sale of said bonds shall be delivered to the town treasurer and shall be applied, with the exception of the premiums derived from the sale of said bonds, to existing indebtedness of said town and for other additional expenditures on highways and other purposes.

Interest and
sinking fund.

SEC. 2. At the annual financial town meeting in said town there shall be annually appropriated a sum sufficient to pay the interest due or to become due on said bonds before the next annual financial town meeting, and also a sum to be placed as a sinking fund sufficient for the redemption of said bonds when due, and all premiums received from the sale of said bonds shall be placed to the credit of said sinking fund.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1130.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO BORROW NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING TWO NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS THEREON.

Passed Feb. 18,
1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The city of Pawtucket is hereby authorized to borrow not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and to issue its notes and bonds, or either, for the same, for such time and in such amounts, and upon such terms and conditions, as may be fixed by the city council of said city.

City authorized to borrow \$125,000 for the purpose of erecting school buildings.

SEC. 2. The city council shall annually appropriate, until said notes or bonds are paid in full, besides a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon, a sum to be placed as a sinking fund sufficient for the redemption of said notes and bonds when due, and all premiums arising from the sale of said notes and bonds shall be placed to the credit of said sinking fund.

Interest and sinking fund.

SEC. 3. All moneys raised by the provisions of this act shall be exclusively used and expended for the purchase of lots Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, on "The Jenks plat belonging to Hedly, Darling, and Horton," and bounded on Cottage street, Mendon avenue, and Baxter street, and for the purchase of lots Nos. 21, 22, 23, 38, 39, 40, on the "Plat of land belonging to Franklin A. Steere, William F. Sayles, Frederick C. Sayles, and Eliza B. Walker," and bounded on Warren avenue and Anthony avenue, and for the construction and furnishing of two buildings, one upon each of said lots in said city.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1131.

Passed April
16, 1903.

AN ACT CREATING A POLICE PENSION FUND IN THE
CITY OF PAWTUCKET.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

Police pension
fund author-
ized.

SECTION 1. The mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen of the city of Pawtucket, is hereby authorized and empowered to create and establish a police pension list. Upon confirmation by said board, the mayor may place upon said pension list officers and members of the regular paid police department of said city who by reason of age, physical infirmity, or other causes may be unfit to perform active police duty. The said mayor and said board of aldermen shall also establish a uniform rate of pension, based upon age and years of active service, to be paid to officers and members placed upon said list; and may also make such other rules and regulations governing such pension system as to them shall seem expedient. For the purpose of creating a police pension fund from which the payments of such pension shall be made, the city treasurer of said city is hereby authorized and empowered to collect and divert to a fund to be called the "Police Pension Fund," and to be kept by him separate and apart from other funds in his care, all of the witness and other fees received by officers and members of the police department for attendance at courts; also one per cent. of the annual salary paid to each officer and member of the police department, and such sums as may be saved from time to time from the salary list of the police department whenever an officer or member is absent from duty, without pay, by reason of sickness or other cause. Said city treasurer shall pay monthly from said fund to the beneficiaries thereof such sums as said mayor and said board of aldermen shall direct, and such sums shall be exempt from attachment.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1132.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE TAKING OF FISH OF ANY SPECIES FROM THE WATERS OF GORTON'S LAKE, SO-CALLED, IN THE TOWN OF WARWICK, R. I., BEFORE APRIL 1, 1906.

Passed April
17, 1908.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Every person who shall take fish of any species from the waters of Gorton's Lake, so-called, in the town of Warwick, before the first day of April, A. D. 1906, shall be fined not exceeding one dollar for the first offence, and not to exceed ten dollars for each subsequent offence.

Close time on
Gorton's lake
in Warwick.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1133.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN THE TOWN OF WARWICK.

Passed April
17, 1908.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The terms of office of the present school committee of the town of Warwick on and after the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1903, shall cease and determine; on and after said date the school committee shall consist of seven members who shall be residents of the town.

School com-
mittee, terms
of members of
when to
terminate.

SEC. 2. The electors of the town of Warwick shall on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1903, vote for seven members of the school committee, two members to hold office for the term of one year, two for two years, and three for three years, and annually thereafter at the annual election for town officers there shall be elected, for the term of three years, successors to those whose term of office expires in such year.

When and how
elected.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

CHAPTER 1134.

Passed March
27, 1903.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO BUILD OR BUY GAS AND ELECTRIC PLANTS AND TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SAME.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Town authorized to build or buy gas and electric plants, etc.

SECTION 1. The town of Westerly is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, construct, own, maintain, and operate electric and gas plants for the purpose of providing gas and electricity to light its streets, public buildings, and other public places. Such plants may include suitable land, buildings, and necessary structures, machinery, and other apparatus and appliances for manufacturing and distributing gas and electricity for such purpose.

May furnish and sell products thereof.

SEC. 2. Said town of Westerly is also hereby authorized and empowered to furnish and sell gas and electricity for light, heat, and power for private, domestic, and commercial uses in the town of Westerly, and in the town of Stonington, Connecticut: *Provided, however,* that before it shall engage in such business, if the Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company, a corporation created under the laws of this state, shall elect to sell to said town of Westerly its gas and electric lighting plants and property, including that portion of the same located in the town of Stonington, Connecticut, said town of Westerly shall and it is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase the same, and the said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, assign, transfer, and deliver the same to said town of Westerly, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Of the acquirement of the Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company.

SEC. 3. If said town of Westerly shall at a meeting of the taxpayers of said town, legally called, held within thirty days from the passage of this act, decide to engage in the business mentioned in the preceding section, it shall within ten days from the holding of said meeting notify the said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company of such decision; whereupon, if

the said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company shall elect to sell its said plants and property to said town of Westerly, it shall within ten days after the receipt of said notification file with the town clerk of said town of Westerly a detailed schedule of its plants and property and a statement of its proposed terms of sale, together with a written acceptance of the provisions of this act and an agreement to abide and be bound by the determination of the commissioners appointed under the provisions of the following section.

SEC. 4. If the town of Westerly and the Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company shall fail to agree as to what the price and other conditions of the sale and delivery thereof shall be, either party may within sixty days after the filing of said schedule apply by petition to the appellate division of the supreme court, which, after a hearing, shall appoint one or more commissioners, not residents of said town of Westerly nor stockholders in said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company, who shall determine what the price and other conditions of the sale and delivery thereof shall be. Such commissioners shall file their report in said appellate division, as soon as may be, and such report shall be final and binding upon both said town of Westerly and said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company.

Same subject.

SEC. 5. The value of said plants and property shall be estimated without enhancement on account of future earning capacity or good will or of franchises or other privileges derived from rights in the public streets. Said town of Westerly shall not be required to buy any property unnecessarily added to said plants after the passage of this act nor any property except such as would be suitable for the ordinary business of said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company.

Same subject.

SEC. 6. All the property named in said schedule or used in connection therewith shall at all reasonable times after the filing of said schedule be open to the examination of the town council of said town of Westerly, or any committee appointed by said town, and the said commissioners and their authorized agents, for the purpose of determining the value thereof.

Same subject.

SEC. 7. If the said town of Westerly shall accept of the provisions of section 2 of this act and shall notify the said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company as aforesaid, and the said company shall fail to file said schedule, statement, acceptance, and agreement within the time limited therefor, said town of Westerly may, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to, furnish gas and electricity for light, heat, and power, for private, domestic, and commercial uses, in said town of Westerly and in the town of Stonington, Connecticut, forthwith.

Same subject.

SEC. 8. If said town of Westerly shall acquire the plants and property of said Westerly Gas and Electric Light Company, the right of said company to manufacture gas and electricity for any purpose shall thereupon cease.

Authorized to hire \$125,000.

SEC. 9. The said town of Westerly is hereby authorized and empowered to hire a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, and to issue its notes and bonds, or either, therefor, for such time, on such terms, and in such amounts as shall be fixed by said town of Westerly, or the town council thereof, duly authorized by said town.

Interest and sinking fund.

SEC. 10. The town of Westerly shall annually appropriate, until said notes and bonds are paid in full, besides a sum to pay the interest thereon, a sum to be placed as a sinking fund sufficient for the redemption of said notes and bonds when due, and all premiums arising from the sale of said notes and bonds shall be placed to the credit of said sinking fund.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1135.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO SIDEWALKS IN THE TOWNS OF
WESTERLY AND EAST PROVIDENCE.Passed April
16, 1903.*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. The town councils of the towns of Westerly and East Providence shall each have the power to make ordinances and regulations relative to sidewalks in the streets and highways of their respective towns, to the ordering of the same to be made, altered, or repaired, to the use, maintenance, care, and cleaning of the same, to removing ice and snow therefrom, to the removal of posts, steps, and other obstructions therein, and to the maintenance and removal of awnings, signs, and other structures projecting over the same: *Provided*, that such ordinances and regulations shall not be contrary to the laws of this state.

Town councils
of the towns of
Westerly and
East Providence
authorized to make
ordinances
relative to
sidewalks.

SEC. 2. Said town councils may prescribe and impose penalties for the violation of such ordinances and regulations, not exceeding in amount twenty dollars.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 1136.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET TO
BORROW A SUM NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND TO APPLY THE SAME TO
THE PAYMENT OF THE FLOATING DEBT OF THE WOON-
SOCKET WATER WORKS.Passed April
16, 1903.*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. In addition to the bonds heretofore authorized to be issued by the town of Woonsocket or by the city of Woonsocket, the said city of Woonsocket is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds under its corporate name and seal to an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars. All moneys accruing from the sale of said bonds shall be

City author-
ized to issue
\$100,000 of
bonds for the
improvement
of its water
works.

applied to the floating debt of said Woonsocket incurred in the improvement of the Woonsocket water works.

SEC. 2. The denomination of said bonds, their rate of interest, time and place of their payment and of the payment of interest thereon, the manner of said payments, whether in gold coin of the United States or in currency, the time and manner in which they shall be issued and sold, shall be prescribed by ordinance of the city council of said city; and all obligations of the city of Woonsocket which may be created under the authority of this act shall be excepted from the operation of section 21, Chapter 36, of the General Laws.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1137.

Passed April
15, 1903.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET TO BORROW A SUM NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND TO APPLY THE SAME TO THE FLOATING DEBT OF THE CITY HALL.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

City authorized to issue \$100,000 of bonds, to be applied to the floating debt of the city hall.

SECTION 1. In addition to the bonds heretofore authorized to be issued by the town of Woonsocket or by the city of Woonsocket, the said city of Woonsocket is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds under its corporate name and seal to an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars. All moneys accruing from the sale of said bonds shall be applied to the payment of the floating debt incurred in the purchase, repair, refitting and furnishing of the city hall building.

SEC. 2. The denomination of said bonds, their rate of interest, time and place of their payment and of the payment of interest thereon, the manner of said payments, whether in gold coin of the United States or in currency, the time and manner in which they shall be issued and sold, shall be prescribed by ordinance of the city council of said city; and all obliga-

tions of the city of Woonsocket which may be created under the authority of this act shall be excepted from the operation of section 21 of Chapter 36 of the General Laws.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 1138.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET TO BORROW A SUM NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND TO APPLY THE SAME TO THE FLOATING DEBT CAUSED BY THE WOONSOCKET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Passed April
15, 1908.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. In addition to the bonds heretofore authorized to be issued by the town of Woonsocket or by the city of Woonsocket, the said city of Woonsocket is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds under its corporate name and seal to an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars. All moneys accruing from the sale of said bonds shall be applied to the floating debt of the city of Woonsocket incurred in the school department of said city in building, equipping, grading, and furnishing school houses in said city of Woonsocket.

City authorized to issue \$100,000 of bonds, to be applied to the floating debt of its school department.

SEC. 2. The denomination of said bonds, their rate of interest, time and place of their payment and of the payment of interest thereon, the manner of said payments, whether in gold coin of the United States or in currency, the time and manner in which they shall be issued and sold, shall be prescribed by ordinance of the city council of said city; and all obligations of the city of Woonsocket which may be created under the authority of this act shall be excepted from the operation of section 21, Chapter 36, of the General Laws.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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ACTS OF INCORPORATION.

Passed April
17, 1908.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PASCOAG AND PROVIDENCE STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Waldo A. Hopkins, Samuel Mellor, Nicholas S. Winsor, Alonzo P. Mowry, Charles M. Whitaker, Abraham Mellor, and John J. Lace, Jr., their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate under the name of the "Pascoag and Providence Street Railway Company," with all the powers and privileges and subject to the duties and liabilities applicable to such corporations set forth in Chapters 177 and 187 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, with power, subject to all the provisions hereinafter contained, to locate, construct, maintain, operate, and use a railway or railways for the transportation of passengers and freight, with convenient track or tracks, switches, turn-outs, and branches for cars or carriages, and with suitable and convenient poles, wires, conduits, and other machinery, appliances, and appurtenances, in the public highways and elsewhere in the

towns of Burrillville, Glocester, Smithfield, Johnston, and North Providence, to be operated by electric or any power other than steam, between such points in such highways as shall be fixed by the town council of said towns, respectively, with the assent of said corporation in writing expressed and filed with said councils; and upon and over such streets and highways of said towns as shall from time to time be fixed and determined by the said councils, with the written assent of said corporation filed as aforesaid; and also over and on such other lands in said towns, with the consent of the owner or owners thereof, as said corporation may elect to build its road, and over such other lands in said towns as said corporation may acquire by condemnation, as hereinafter provided; with power also to erect and maintain stations for generating or furnishing light, heat, and power for the cars, stations, and other premises and property of this said corporation.

And all tracks of said railway in the highways shall be laid at such distance from the sidewalks in said several towns as the councils of said towns, respectively, and their orders fixing the route of said railway, may determine.

Provided, however, that said corporation shall not lay out, construct, use, or continue said railway or railways over or through the highways in said towns unless with the consent of the town councils of said towns, respectively, and upon compliance with such reasonable rules and regulations as said town councils may impose: *Provided,* that said railway or railways shall not cross any steam railroad at the same grade.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed seven hundred thousand dollars, and may be fixed in amount from time to time by vote of said corporation, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. The said corporation may issue its bonds and other obligations, and secure the same by pledge, pledges, mortgage, or mortgages of its franchises and property or any part thereof, in such manner and at such times as the said corporation may deem best, to

an amount not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars. But every mortgage or other conveyance of the property or franchises of said corporation shall be subject to all the provisions of any contract made under the authority conferred by this act.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall be established and have an office or place of business in the city of Providence.

SEC. 5. The government of said corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, who shall be stockholders, and who shall be chosen in such manner, and at such times and places, as said corporation shall by its by-laws prescribe.

SEC. 6. The said railway or railways shall be constructed and maintained upon such grades as the councils of the said towns, respectively, may prescribe: *Provided, however*, that said railway or railways shall not cross any steam railroad at the same grade, and whenever in the judgment of said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of any street or highway so occupied by such railway or railways, such alteration shall be made at the expense of said corporation, with the assent of the town councils of the said towns, respectively.

SEC. 7. The councils of said towns shall have power at all times to make such reasonable regulations, as to the rate of speed of the cars of said corporation, and the mode of use of its tracks on the highways and within the limits of said towns, respectively, as public convenience and safety may require.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall put all streets and highways, and every portion thereof, over or through which it shall lay rails, in as good condition as they were before the same were laid, and shall keep and maintain in repair such portion of the streets and highways as shall be occupied by its tracks, and shall be liable for any loss or injury sustained by any person by reason of any carelessness, neglect, or misconduct of its agents or servants in the management, construction, or use of said tracks or streets; and in case any judgment shall be recovered against any of said towns by reason of any such misconduct, defect,

or want of repair, said corporation shall be liable to pay such town or towns any sums thus recovered against them, together with all the costs and reasonable expenditures incurred by them, respectively, in the defense of any such suit or suits in which recovery may be had. And said corporation shall not encumber any portion of the streets or highways not occupied by said tracks, except so far as may be necessary in building, repairing, or operating its railway or railways.

SEC. 9. Said corporation shall have the power from time to time and at all times to fix such rates of fare and freight as it may deem expedient; and said railway or railways may be operated, as may be from time to time determined by said corporation, by electricity or any power other than steam.

SEC. 10. If said corporation or its agents or servants shall unlawfully or maliciously obstruct any street or highway, or the passage of any carriage over the same, said corporation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 11. Said corporation shall have power to purchase and hold such real estate within said towns, or any of them, as may be convenient or necessary for the purposes for which said corporation is created, and may dispose of and convey the same.

SEC. 12. The town council of any town in which said corporation shall operate any street railway line and said corporation may make agreements for the establishment of rules and regulations to be observed by said corporation in the operation of its cars used for the carriage of freight and passengers over its lines in the highways in said town. And said corporation may carry freight over any line of railway operated by it in any public highway, subject to such rules and regulations, and in accordance with such agreement, as shall be in force for the time being, as provided by this section.

SEC. 13. If the tracks or rails of said corporation or any part thereof in any street or highway shall be abandoned or the use thereof discontinued for any cause within the control of said corporation for the term of one year, the tracks or rails so abandoned or

discontinued shall be taken up by said corporation, and the street or highway where the same is so taken up shall be put in good repair at said corporation's expense; and if the said tracks or rails shall not be taken up within thirty days after notice to take up the same shall have been given to said corporation by the councils of said towns, respectively, said towns may take up the same at the cost and expense of said corporation.

SEC. 14. Said corporation shall have the power and privilege to take, condemn, hold, use, and permanently appropriate such lands and such interests and estates in lands in said towns of Burrillville, Glocester, North Providence, Johnston, and Smithfield as shall be necessary to said corporation for its corporate purposes, in manner hereinafter provided; and may locate, construct, maintain, use, and operate its railway or railways, and all suitable and convenient buildings and machinery, poles, wires, and conduits, and other apparatus and appliances, upon and over the land so acquired.

SEC. 15. Whenever said corporation, under any provisions of this act, shall take any lands or any interest or estate therein under the provisions of this act, it shall file in the common pleas division of the supreme court in the county in which such lands are located a plat showing the location of such lands, with a certificate of the taking of the same containing a general description of such lands, a list of the owners thereof and of the persons interested therein, so far as the same may be known to said corporation. Said certificate shall contain a notice that said corporation will give such security as the court may require for the payment of all such costs and damages as may be awarded to any person in the lands taken, in the proceedings commenced by the filing of such certificate.

SEC. 16. And upon the filing of any such certificate and plat, in manner and form provided by the preceding section, the clerk of the court shall forthwith issue a notice to the several persons named therein, which shall contain the substance of said certificate, and also a notice of the time and place when the said persons

may appear in said court and be heard with reference to the necessity of the taking of such lands and the appointment of commissioners to appraise the damage sustained by them by such taking and the security to be given by said corporation for damages and costs; and the said clerk shall, for four successive weeks thereafter, cause to be advertised in each issue of some newspaper published in said county a copy of the said notice, requiring all persons interested in the premises to appear at said time and place, if they see fit to be heard in the premises. The personal notice upon known parties shall be served as soon as may be, and at least twenty days before the time of said hearing, by some officer authorized to serve process or by some disinterested person.

SEC. 17. At the time mentioned in said notice, or at any adjournment therefrom ordered by the court, the court, after hearing the parties interested who may appear and desire to be heard, shall first determine whether the lands in said certificate described are necessary to said corporation for its corporate purposes; and if it shall determine that said lands are necessary to said corporation, the court shall proceed to fix the security to be given by said corporation for damages and costs, and appoint three suitable persons as commissioners to appraise the damages sustained by the persons interested in the lands described in said certificate by reason of the taking of said lands or of any interest or estate therein. Any vacancies in said commission which may occur from time to time shall be filled by the court upon application of any party interested in said proceedings and upon notice as the court may direct.

SEC. 18. Whenever the court shall have determined that any lands are necessary to said corporation for its corporate purposes, as provided in section 17, said corporation may immediately enter upon, take possession, and use such lands for its corporate purposes: *Provided, however*, that no such entry or use shall be made or possession be taken, except for the purpose of making surveys, until said corporation shall have

given security as fixed by the court, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 19. Said commissioners, before they proceed to execute their duties, shall be sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge thereof, and shall give reasonable notice by publication or otherwise, in such manner as the court may direct, to all persons interested to file their claims, if any they have which have not been released to said corporation, with the clerk of said court within thirty days from the date of said notice. At the end of the time allowed for the filing of such claims, the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall fix a time and place for hearing all persons interested as to the damages by them sustained, and shall give notice of such hearing by publishing in such newspaper or newspapers as the court may direct, once a week for at least three weeks prior to the date of such meeting, and shall give such further notice, if any, as the court may direct. At the time and place fixed for said hearing, or at any adjournment therefrom, the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall proceed to hear the parties interested, with their allegations and proofs, and shall examine the premises and shall estimate all such damages as they think any person interested has sustained by the taking of said lands or any interest or estate therein; and the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall make return of their doings and of the damages assessed by them as soon as may be, to the court from which they received their appointment, with their fees marked thereon, which fees, being first allowed by the court, shall be forthwith paid by said corporation.

SEC. 20. Upon the receipt of the report of said commissioners, the clerk of the court shall open the same and shall give public notice, by advertisement for such time and in such newspaper or newspapers as the court may prescribe, that such report has been received and opened and that the same may be examined by any party interested therein; and either said corporation, or any other party aggrieved by any award of damages made by said commissioners, may claim a jury trial upon any item of damages thereby

awarded, and may file a claim for such trial with the clerk of such court at any time within three months from the opening of such report; and such claim shall stand for trial by jury, upon proper issues based upon such claim, as other civil cases upon the docket of such court, and shall be tried therein in every respect as other civil cases are therein tried, including the right to except to rulings and to apply for new trial for cause. But if the party claiming such jury trial shall not therein obtain an award more favorable to such party than that given by the commissioners, such party shall pay costs to the adverse party, unless otherwise ordered by the court; and if any party claiming such jury trial shall obtain therein an award more favorable than that given by the commissioners, such party shall recover his or its costs from the adverse party, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

SEC. 21. The report of the commissioners shall be confirmed by the court, after being so corrected as to conform to the findings of the jury in cases where a jury trial is claimed: and upon such confirmation, execution or executions for the damages fixed by said report, as confirmed, shall issue against said corporation as upon a judgment in due course of law.

SEC. 22. Said corporation may abandon any lands, or any interest or estate therein, taken under the provisions of this act by filing a notice of such abandonment in the office of the clerk of the court in which the proceedings hereinbefore provided for are pending, at any time before the confirmation of the report of the commissioners appointed to assess damages; and if said corporation shall not have entered upon, taken possession, or used the land so abandoned, or any interest or estate therein, prior to the filing of such notice of abandonment, all proceedings for the assessment of damages for the taking of the land, or any interest or estate therein, so abandoned shall cease, and said corporation shall pay to any person interested in the property so abandoned all his costs and expenses, if any, incurred in prosecuting for damages for the taking of such lands or estate, or interests therein, up to the time of such abandonment, which costs shall be

taxed by the clerk. If said corporation shall have entered upon, taken possession of, or used the lands, or any interests or estates therein, so abandoned, prior to such abandonment, and the assessment of damages for the same is then pending before the commissioners or a jury, then upon such abandonment said corporation shall have the right to give such abandonment in evidence in diminution of damages, paying costs if the question of damages is pending upon the claim of jury trial, notwithstanding a diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment given in evidence; or if the commissioners or a jury have finally assessed the damages, said corporation shall have the right to a revision of the assessment, and to a re-assessment by petition to the commissioners, in order that the diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment may be considered, with the right of any party interested to claim a jury trial, as in case of the original assessment.

SEC. 23. Nothing in this act shall authorize said corporation to condemn any portion of the location of any other railroad or street railway company except for the purposes of crossing the same either above or below grade and of maintaining suitable and convenient abutments or other supports for the structures erected or constructed for such crossing, nor to exercise any right of franchise in any town in which any other street railway company has now acquired exclusive rights or franchises by virtue of any ordinance or contract authorized by Chapter 975 of the Public Laws, passed at the May session, A. D. 1891, or Chapter 77 of the General Laws, or by virtue of any special act, without the consent in writing of the corporation now holding such exclusive rights or franchises; and no such consent shall affect the exclusive rights of any company so consenting except as to the streets and highways or parts of streets and highways to which such consent specifically applies, nor the rights, privileges, or franchises secured to the consenting company under the contract now existing between the state and such consenting company by virtue of its acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 580 of the

Public Laws or any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto. Nor shall anything in this act authorize the condemnation of any land lying within the limits of any public park or square or other public place or any land lying within the limits of any public highway, except for the purpose of crossing such highway and subject to the public use thereof for highway purposes.

SEC. 24. When the lands or any interests or estates therein in which any infant or other person not capable in law to act in his own behalf are interested are taken by said corporation under the provisions of this act, the court before which the proceedings for such taking are pending may appoint a guardian *ad litem* for such infant or other person, and such guardian may appear and be heard in behalf of such infant or other person at any stage of the proceedings. And such guardian may also, with the advice and consent of the court appointing him, release to said corporation all claims for damages for the lands of such infant or other person, or for any interest or estates therein so taken, and if there shall be any dispute as to the title of any lands or interests or estates therein taken under the provisions of this act, or as to the persons entitled to receive the damages awarded for such taking, or if the person entitled to receive such damages is uncertain or unknown, said corporation may pay such damages into the registry of the court before which such proceedings are pending, with the same effect as to the title of said corporation to such lands or interests or estates therein as though such damages had been paid to the person or persons entitled to receive the same.

SEC. 25. Any court in which any proceedings under this act shall be pending may, from time to time, order such other and further notices to be given in addition to those hereinbefore prescribed, and may make such other orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act or with the general laws of the state, as may be required in the opinion of such court to protect the rights and interests of the parties interested in such proceedings; and any proceedings taken under this act may be amended or corrected at any stage, upon

such terms and notice, if any, as the court may prescribe.

SEC. 26. The costs of all proceedings for such condemnations shall be taxed by the clerk of the court in which such proceedings are pending, and shall be paid for by such corporation, except as otherwise hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 27. Notice to abutters on the highways in which it is proposed to lay tracks of said corporation shall be given by publication in one or more newspapers published in the county of Providence, fourteen days at least before the location of any such tracks, and also by posting in three public places in each town in which such location is proposed notices of said proposed location fourteen days at least before the same shall be made.

SEC. 28. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to acquire by lease, purchase, or otherwise the property, rights, privileges, and franchises owned, used, operated, or enjoyed without this state by any person or corporation owning, leasing, or operating, or authorized to own, lease, or operate, any street or other railway without this state, and may issue its capital stock, bonds, or other obligations in payment for the property, rights, privileges, and franchises so acquired, and any capital stock issued for such purposes shall be deemed full paid and non-assessable. And this corporation is also authorized and empowered to hold, use, operate, enjoy, and dispose of all property, rights, privileges, and franchises within this state acquired as aforesaid, subject to such regulations, restrictions, and provisions as to the use and enjoyment of the same as were in force at the time when such property, rights, privileges, and franchises were acquired by said corporation; and any person or corporation holding such property, rights, privileges, or franchises without this state may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of such property, rights, privileges, or franchises to this corporation, and receive such stock, bonds, or other obligations of this corporation in payment therefor.

SEC. 29. Said corporation is also authorized and

empowered to acquire, hold, and dispose of the stock, bonds, securities, and other obligations of any other street railway or railroad company incorporated in any other state, and to issue its capital stock, bonds, or other obligations at not less than par in payment for the same, and stock when so issued shall be deemed full paid and non-assessable.

SEC. 30. Said corporation is authorized and empowered from time to time to guarantee the stock, bonds, and other obligations, and the dividends and interest thereon, of any street railway or other corporation incorporated in any other state, and may secure any such guarantee by pledge, pledges, mortgage or mortgages, of its franchises and property or any part thereof; every such pledge or mortgage to be subject, however, to all the provisions of any contract made under authority of this act.

SEC. 31. If said corporation shall not be organized and any capital stock voted by it, as provided by section 2 hereof, shall not be subscribed, and at least ten per centum thereof paid in within one year from the passage of this act, this act shall be void and of no effect; and if said corporation shall fail to file an application with the town councils of said towns for the location of the said railway to be constructed by it on or before March 1, A. D. 1904, or shall fail to build and complete said railroad to be constructed by it, or so much thereof as may be required by said town councils, respectively, in accordance with said application, within eighteen months from the approval of said location by said town councils, respectively, the right of said corporation to construct said railway shall cease and determine.

SEC. 32. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SOUTH SHORE STREET
RAILWAY COMPANY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Abraham Manchester, Arthur S. Phillips, Judson C. Mackenzie, Nathaniel B. Church, Edwin A. Cornell, Pardon C. Brownell, Godfrey Cornell, Warren S. Barker, George S. Dubois, and Nathan B. Everett, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the South Shore Street Railway Company, and by that name may have and use a common seal, and the same break, change, and alter in their discretion, and shall have all the powers and privileges and immunities necessary to carry out the full intent and purpose of this act, viz.: For locating, constructing, equipping, using, operating, and maintaining a railway or railways for the transportation of passengers, freight, and general merchandise in the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton, in this state, and to operate the same by electricity or other power, provided that steam may be used at junction points with steam railroads for switching purposes only, with power to erect, own, use, operate, and maintain a station for generating electricity for operating said railway or railways, and also for furnishing electrical current for power, light, heat, and other purposes for said corporation and for others, and may put up, lay, use and maintain wires and conductors for transmitting electrical current for power, light, heat, and other purposes, the erection of wharf and coal pockets and other buildings for the use of said corporation, commencing at a point in the line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island, on Stafford road in the town of Tiverton, and passing through the town of Tiverton and village of Bliss' Four Corners, to Adamsville, in the town of Little Compton, and the state line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island at said Adamsville, also beginning at or near Tiverton Four Corners, thence southeasterly through the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton to the village of Adamsville in the town of Little Compton and

the state line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island; subject, however, to all duties and liabilities and restrictions set forth in Chapters 177 and 187 of the General Laws and all acts and amendments thereof, with power to construct, use, operate, equip, and maintain a railway or railways, for the purposes aforesaid, with convenient single or double tracks and turnouts for cars or carriages, in the public streets or highways of said towns of Tiverton and Little Compton, from such point in the said towns as shall be fixed by the town councils of said towns, respectively, with the assent of the said corporation in writing expressed and filed with the said town councils and upon and over such of the streets and highways of the said towns as shall be, from time to time, fixed and determined by the said town councils, with the written assent of the said corporation filed as aforesaid, and also over and through such other land or lands in said towns as said corporation may elect to build its railway or railways, or put up, lay, use, and maintain its wires, conductors, and all other necessary equipments, wharves, and buildings. All tracks of said railway or railways shall be laid at such distance from the sidewalks in said towns as the said town councils of the said towns, respectively, in their orders fixing the routes of said railway or railways may determine: *Provided, however,* that the said corporation shall not construct, use, or continue said railway or railways, or put up, lay, use, and maintain its wires, conductors, and all other necessary equipments over or along any street or highway in said towns of Tiverton and Little Compton, unless with the assent of the town councils of said towns, and upon compliance with such terms and conditions and under such rules and regulations as said town councils may impose: *Provided, further,* that said railway or railways shall not cross any steam road at the same grade.

SEC. 2. Whenever said company shall take any lands, or any interest or estate therein, under the provisions of this act, it shall file in the common pleas division of the supreme court in the county in which said lands are located a certificate containing a general

description of such lands and a statement of the interests and estates therein which are taken, and a list of the owners thereof and the persons interested therein, so far as the same may be known to said company. Said certificate shall be accompanied by a plat showing the location of such lands, and shall contain a notice that said company will give such security as the court may require for the payment of all such costs and damages as may be finally awarded to any person interested in the lands taken in the proceedings commenced by the filing of such certificate.

SEC. 3. Upon the filing of such certificate and plat, the court shall enter an order fixing the time when and the place where all persons interested in the land in said certificate described may appear before said court and be heard with reference to the necessity of the taking of such land and the appointment of commissioners to appraise the damages sustained by them by such taking, and the security to be given by said company for damages and costs; and the clerk of said court shall thereupon issue a notice, directed to the persons named in said certificate and to all other persons interested in said land, containing the substance of said certificate and said order; which notice shall be served by publication for such time and in such newspapers as the court may prescribe.

SEC. 4. At the time and place mentioned in said notice or at any adjournment therefrom ordered by the court, the court, after hearing the parties interested who may appear and desire to be heard, shall first determine whether the lands in said certificate described are necessary to said company for its corporate purposes; and if it shall determine that such lands are necessary to said company, said court shall proceed to fix the security to be given by said company for damages and costs, and appoint three suitable persons as commissioners to appraise the damages sustained by the persons interested in the lands described in said certificate by reason of the taking of said lands or of any interest or estate therein. Any vacancies in said commission which may occur from time to time shall be filled by the court, upon application of any party

interested in said proceedings and upon such notice as the court may direct.

SEC. 5. Said commissioners, before they proceed to execute their duties, shall be sworn to a faithful and impartial discharge thereof, and shall give reasonable notice, by publication or otherwise, in such manner as the court may direct, to all persons interested to file their claims, if any they have, which have not been released to said company, with the clerk of said court within thirty days from the date of this notice. At the end of the time allowed for filing such claims, the commissioners or a majority of them shall fix a time and place for hearing all persons interested as to the damages by them sustained, and shall give notice of such hearing by publication in one or more of the newspapers published in the county where said lands are situated, once a week for at least three weeks prior to the date of such meeting, and shall give such further notice, if any, as the court may direct. At the time and place fixed for such hearing, or at any adjournment therefrom, the commissioners or a majority of them shall proceed to hear the parties interested, with their allegations and proofs, and shall examine the premises; and shall estimate all such damages as they think any person interested has sustained by the taking of said land or any interest or estate therein. And the commissioners or a majority of them shall make return of their doings and of the damages assessed by them, as soon as may be, to the court from which they received their appointment, with their fees marked thereon; which fees, being first allowed by the court, shall be forthwith paid by said corporation.

SEC. 6. Upon receipt of the report of said commissioners, the clerk of the court shall open the same, and shall give public notice, by advertising for such time and in such newspaper or newspapers as the court may prescribe, that such report has been received and opened and that the same may be examined by any party interested therein; and either said company or any other party aggrieved by any award of damages made by said commissioners may claim a jury trial

upon any item of damages thereby awarded, and may file a claim for such trial with the clerk of said court at any time within three months from the opening of such report. And such claim shall stand for trial by jury, upon proper issues based upon such claim, as other civil cases upon the docket of said court, and shall be tried therein in every respect as other civil cases are there tried, including the right to except to rulings and to apply for new trial for cause. But if the party claiming such jury trial shall not therein obtain an award more favorable to such party than that given by the commissioners, such party shall recover his or its costs from the adverse party.

SEC. 7. The report of the commissioners shall be confirmed by the court, after being so corrected as to conform to the findings of the jury in cases where a jury trial is claimed; and upon such confirmation, execution or executions for damages fixed by said report as confirmed shall issue against said company as upon judgment, in due course of law.

SEC. 8. Whenever the court shall have determined that any lands are necessary to said company for its corporate purposes, as provided in section 4, said company may immediately enter upon, take possession of, and use such lands for its corporate purposes: *Provided, however*, that no such entry or use shall be made or possession be taken, except for the purpose of making surveys, until said company shall have given the security fixed by the court, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 9. Said company may abandon any lands or any interests or estates therein taken under the provisions of this act, by filing a notice of such abandonment in the office of the clerk of the court in which the proceedings hereinbefore provided for are pending, at any time before the confirmation of the report of the commissioners appointed to assess damages. If said corporation shall not have entered upon, taken possession of, or used the lands so abandoned, or any interest or estate therein, prior to the filing of such notice of abandonment, all proceedings for the assessment of damages for the taking of the land or the interests or estates therein shall cease, and said corpora-

tion shall pay to any person interested in the property so abandoned all costs and expenses, if any, incurred in prosecuting for damages for the taking of such land or estates or interests therein up to the time of such abandonment, which costs shall be taxed by the clerk. If said company shall have entered upon, taken possession of, or used the lands or any interests or estates therein so abandoned prior to such abandonment, and the assessment of damages for the same is then pending before commissioners or a jury, then, upon such abandonment, said company shall have the right to give such abandonment in evidence in diminution of damages, paying costs, if the question of damages is pending, on claim of jury trial, notwithstanding a diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment given in evidence; or if the commissioners or a jury have finally assessed the damages, said company shall have a right to a revision of the assessment and to a re-assessment, by petition to the commissioners, in order that the diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment may be considered, with right of any party interested to claim a jury trial as in case of the original assessment.

SEC. 10. When the lands or any interests or estates therein in which any infant or other person not capable in law to act in his own behalf is interested are taken by said company under the provisions of this act, the court before which the proceedings for such taking are pending may appoint a guardian ad litem for such infant or other person, and such guardian may appear and be heard in behalf of such infant or other person at any stage of the proceedings; and such guardian may also, with the advice and consent of the court appointing him, release to said company all claims for damages for the lands of such infant or other person, or for any interest or estates therein, so taken. And if there shall be any dispute as to the title of any lands or interests or estates therein taken under the provisions of this act, or as to the persons entitled to receive the damages awarded for such taking, or if the person entitled to receive such damages is uncertain or unknown, said company may pay such damages into

the registry of the court before which such proceedings are pending with the same effect as to the title of said company to such lands or interests or estates therein as though such damages had been paid to the person or persons entitled to receive the same.

SEC. 11. Any court in which any proceedings under this act shall be pending may from time to time order such other and further notices to be given, in addition to those hereinbefore prescribed, and may make such other orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act or with the general laws of the state, as may be required, in the opinion of such court, to protect the rights and interests of the parties interested in such proceedings. And any proceedings taken under this act may be amended or corrected at any stage, upon such terms and notice, if any, as the court may prescribe.

SEC. 12. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. Said corporation may from time to time issue its bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars and secure the same by a mortgage or mortgages of its property, rights and franchises, in such sums and to such amounts as it may deem necessary, for the purpose of constructing, improving, and equipping its property, and to pay and discharge any indebtedness existing against it. The management of all its affairs shall be vested in a board of at least five directors who shall be stockholders, and who shall be chosen in such manner and at such times and places as said corporation shall by its by-laws prescribe. The directors shall hold office for one year and until others are elected and qualified to take their places, and a majority of them shall form a quorum to transact business, and may fill vacancies in their number. The directors shall elect one of their number president of the company and they may choose a clerk and treasurer, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties, and such other officers and agents as they may deem necessary. The treasurer shall give bond to the corporation with such surety or sureties to the

satisfaction of the directors in a sum fixed by them for the faithful discharge of his trust.

SEC. 13. Said corporation shall make all the by-laws necessary for the management of its affairs and the regulation and control of its officers and agents, and to carry out the provisions of this act, and may alter the same from time to time.

SEC. 14. Said corporation shall have the power to lease, purchase, or hold all such land, buildings, and materials for the use of said railway or railways, and such other purposes of this act, and if necessary may dispose of and convey the same.

SEC. 15. The said railway or railways shall be constructed and maintained in such form and manner and upon such grade as the town councils of said towns may respectively prescribe, and whenever in the judgment of said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of any street or highway so occupied by it, such alteration shall be made at the expense of said corporation, with the consent of the town councils of said respective towns, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

SEC. 16. The said railway or railways shall be operated by electricity or other power except for switching purposes as specified in section 1, and said corporation shall have power to fix the rate of fare and freight and express charges as it may deem expedient.

SEC. 17. The town councils of said towns shall have power at all times to make such regulations as to the rate of speed and the mode and use of tracks within the limits of said towns, respectively, as the public safety and convenience may require.

SEC. 18. The said corporation shall put all streets and highways over or through which it shall lay any rails in as good condition as they were before the rails were laid, and it shall keep and maintain in repair such portions of the streets and highways as shall be occupied by its tracks and eighteen inches on each side of its tracks, and shall be liable for any loss or injuries that any person shall sustain by reason of any

carelessness, neglect, or misconduct of its agents and servants in the management, construction, or use of said railway or railways, or streets or highways in which same are laid; and in case any judgment shall be recorded against either of the said towns by reason of such misconduct, defect, or want of repairs, said corporation shall be liable to pay to said town or towns any sum thus recovered against them, together with all costs and reasonable expenses incurred by them, respectively, in the defence of such suit or suits in which recovery may be had. And said corporation shall not encumber any of the streets or highways except so far as it may be necessary in constructing or repairing the same.

SEC. 19. Whenever any estate abutting on a street or highway over or upon which the rails of said corporation have been laid shall be injured thereby, the said corporation shall be liable to pay the owner or owners thereof the damages thereby occasioned to such estate: *Provided*, that action thereof shall be brought within sixty days from the time when such damages shall have been occasioned.

SEC. 20. If any person shall maliciously or wilfully obstruct said corporation in the use of its railway or railways or the passing of its cars or carriages over the same, such person, and all who shall be aiding or abetting therein, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or may be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three months.

SEC. 21. If any corporation or its agents or servants shall unlawfully or maliciously obstruct any street or highway, or the passing of any carriages over the same, said corporation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 22. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the town councils of said towns, respectively, from entering upon and taking up of any of the public streets and highways traversed by said corporation for any purpose for which they may lawfully take up the same.

SEC. 23. If said railway or any part thereof located in, over, along any street or highway in either of said

towns shall be abandoned or discontinued for any cause within the control of said corporation, or if the same shall not be used for the term of one year, said railway or any part thereof so abandoned or discontinued, or not used, shall be taken up by said company and the street or highway, when the same is so taken up, shall be put in good order and repair at said company's expense, and if said railway so abandoned shall not be taken up within ninety days after notice to take up the same shall have been given to the said company by said town councils, respectively, such towns may take up the same at the cost and expense of said company.

SEC. 24. Said corporation may contract with any other corporation organized under the laws of the state of Rhode Island or any other state in the same or similar line of business, to perform all the transportation over the road authorized by this act, or may lease the said road, franchises and property to any other corporation upon such terms and conditions and for such period as the parties may agree; but in either case the said corporation shall be liable for all damages done or injuries sustained on the line of its road, or in the use thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent that it would be liable if it performed such transportation itself.

SEC. 25. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the town of Tiverton or Little Compton, or in the city of Providence.

SEC. 26. At the first meeting of the corporators called for organization and acceptance of the charter those persons who have become subscribers to any portion of the capital stock are eligible to vote at this meeting for a board of directors for the first year.

SEC. 27. If any of the capital stock voted by said company shall not have been subscribed for and ten per centum thereof paid in upon the same and the corporation organized within ten months from the passage of this act, or if the said stock being so subscribed and paid in, said corporation being organized as aforesaid, said corporation shall fail to apply for location or locations within ten months from the pas-

sage of this act, or if said corporation shall fail to complete said road so far that the same can be operated within two years after the location of said railways shall have been fixed by the town councils of said towns, respectively, as aforesaid, in either case this act shall be void and of no effect.

SEC. 28. This act shall take effect upon and after its passage.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TIVERTON AND SAKONNET BEACH RAILWAY COMPANY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. William H. Briggs, Abel B. Simmons, Clarence C. Wordell, Charles R. Wilbur, F. F. Grinnell, Harry W. Grinnell, R. B. Wilcox, Elmer B. Grinnell, G. C. Manchester, William T. Frost, George R. Lawton, John R. Hathaway, and Edgar F. Clark, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of "The Tiverton and Sakonnet Beach Railway Company," and by that name may have and use a common seal, and the same break, change, and alter to their discretion, and shall have all the powers and privileges and immunities necessary to carry out the full intent and purpose of this act, viz.: for locating, constructing, equipping, using, operating, and maintaining a railway or railways for the transportation of passengers, freight, and general merchandise in the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton, in this state, commencing at a point at or near Tiverton station in said Tiverton, thence running in a southerly direction through the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton to Burchards Corner, thence to Little Compton common, thence to the Massachusetts line at or near Adamsville, together with the privilege of building a line from Burchards Corner to Sakonnet Point over West road, and to operate the same by electricity, with power to erect, own, use, operate, and maintain a station for generating electricity for operating said railway or railways,

and also for furnishing electrical current for power, light, heat, and other purposes for said corporation and for others, and may put up, lay, use, and maintain wires and conductors for transmitting electrical current for power, light, heat, and other purposes, and may erect wharves, coal pockets, and other buildings for the use of said corporation, subject to all duties and liabilities and restrictions set forth in Chapters 177 and 187 of the General Laws and all acts and amendments thereof, with power to construct, use, operate, equip, and maintain a railway or railways, for the purposes aforesaid, with convenient single or double tracks and turn-outs for cars or carriages in the public streets or highways of said towns as shall be fixed by the town councils of the said towns, respectively, with the assent of the said corporation in writing expressed and filed with the said town councils, and upon and over such of the streets and highways of the said towns as shall be, from time to time, fixed and determined by the said town councils, with the written assent of the said corporation filed as aforesaid: *Provided*, that the tracks of said corporation shall not cross the tracks of any steam railroad at the same grade, and also over and through such other land in said towns as said corporation may elect to build its railways, or put up, lay, use, and maintain its wires, conductors, and all other equipments, wharves, and buildings. All tracks of said railway or railways shall be laid at such distance from the sidewalks in said towns as the said town councils of the said towns, respectively, in their orders fixing the route of said railway or railways, may determine.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be two hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. Said corporation may, from time to time, issue its bonds to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage or mortgages of its property, rights, and franchises, in such sum and to such amounts as it may deem necessary for the purpose of constructing, improving, and equipping its property, and to pay and discharge any indebtedness existing

against it. The management of all its affairs shall be vested in a board of at least five directors, who shall be stockholders, and who shall be chosen in such manner and at such times and places as said corporation shall by its by-laws prescribe. The directors shall hold office for one year and until others are elected and qualified to take their places, and a majority of them shall form a quorum to transact business, and may fill vacancies in their number. The directors shall elect one of their number president of the company, and they may choose a clerk and treasurer, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties, and such other officers and agents as they may deem necessary. The treasurer shall give bond to the corporation, with surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the directors, in a sum fixed by them, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall make all the by-laws necessary for the management of its affairs and the regulation and control of its officers and agents, and to carry out the provisions of this act, and may alter the same from time to time.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall have the power to lease, purchase, or hold all such land, buildings, and materials for the use of said railway or railways, and such other purposes of this act, and, if necessary, may dispose of and convey the same.

SEC. 5. The said railway or railways shall be constructed and maintained in such form and manner and upon such grade as the town councils of said towns may, respectively, prescribe; and whenever in the judgment of said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of any street or highway so occupied by it, such alteration shall be made at the expense of said corporation, with the consent of the town councils of said respective towns, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

SEC. 6. The said railway or railways shall be operated by electricity, and said corporation shall have power to fix the rate of fare and freight and express charges as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 7. The town councils of said towns shall have power at all times to make such regulations as to the rate of speed and the mode and use of tracks within the limits of said towns, respectively, as the public safety and convenience may require.

SEC. 8. The corporation shall put all streets and highways over or through which it shall lay any rails in as good condition as they were before the rails were laid, and it shall keep and maintain in repair such portions of the streets and highways as shall be occupied by its tracks, and eighteen inches on each side of its tracks, and it shall be liable for any loss or injuries that any person shall sustain by reason of any carelessness, neglect, or misconduct of its agents and servants in the management, construction, or use of said railway or railways, or streets or highways in which same are laid; and in case any judgment shall be recorded against either of the said towns by reason of such misconduct, defect, or want of repairs, said corporation shall be liable to pay to said town or towns any sum thus recovered against them, together with all costs and reasonable expenses incurred by them, respectively, in the defence of any such suit or suits in which recovery may be had. And said corporation shall not encumber any of the streets or highways, except so far as it may be necessary in constructing or repairing the same.

SEC. 9. If any person shall maliciously or willfully obstruct said corporation in the use of its railway or railways, or the passing of its cars or carriages over the same, such person, or all who shall be aiding or abetting therein, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or may be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three months.

SEC. 10. If any corporation, or its agents or servants, shall unlawfully or maliciously obstruct any street or highway or the passing of any carriage over the same, said corporation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 11. Said corporation may contract with any other corporation to perform all the transportation over the road authorized by this act, or may lease the

said road, franchises, and property of any other corporation upon such terms and conditions and for such period as the parties may agree; but in either case the said corporation shall be liable for all damages done or injuries sustained on the line of its road, or in the use thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent that it would be liable if it performed such transportation itself.

SEC. 12. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the town of Tiverton or in the town of Little Compton.

SEC. 13. At the first meeting of the incorporators called for organization and acceptance of the charter, those persons who have become subscribers to any portion of the capital stock are eligible to vote at the meeting for a board of directors for the first year.

SEC. 14. On or before the first day of December, A. D. 1903, said corporation shall give bond to the town of Little Compton in the sum of \$2,500.00, with surety or sureties satisfactory to the town council of said town, or with some surety company authorized to do business in this state as surety, conditioned that said corporation will apply for location or locations within eight months from the date of the passage of this act, and finally complete a railway commencing at a point at or near Tiverton station in said Tiverton, thence running in a southerly direction through the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton to Burchards Corner, thence to Little Compton common, and thence to the Massachusetts line at or near Adamsville, within two years after the location of said railway shall have been fixed by the town councils of said towns of Tiverton and Little Compton. Said corporation shall also on or before the first day of December, A. D. 1903, give a like bond to the town of Tiverton. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse to give either of said bonds as aforesaid, or shall violate any of the conditions of said bonds, or if any of the capital stock voted by said company shall not have been subscribed for and ten per centum thereof paid in upon the same and the corporation organized within six months from the passage of this act, failing

in either of the above mentioned cases or conditions, this act shall be void and of no effect.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect upon and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VALLEY FALLS AND
FRANKLIN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Andrew J. Currier, John F. Clark, William H. Bolster, George B. Haines, William H. Tobey, Thomas J. Gurry, and Charles H. Collins, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate under the name of the Valley Falls and Franklin Street Railway Company, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities applicable to such corporations set forth in Chapters 177 and 187 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, with power to locate, construct, equip, maintain, operate, and use a railway for the transportation of passengers and general merchandise, with convenient single or double tracks, switches, turnouts, and branches for cars or carriages, and with all suitable and convenient poles, wires, rails, conduits, and other machinery, appliances, and appurtenances, in the public highways in the town of Cumberland, between such points in such highways as shall be fixed by the town council of said town with the assent of said corporation in writing expressed and filed with said council, and also over and on such other lands in said town, with the consent of the owner thereof, as said corporation may elect to build its road, commencing at a point in the northerly boundary line of said town of Cumberland and extending in a southerly direction to a point in the boundary line between said town of Cumberland and the town of Attleborough in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and also upon and over such of the highways of said town as shall be from time to time fixed and determined by said council, with the written assent of

said corporation filed as aforesaid, to be operated by electric power, or by any power other than steam, with power also to erect and maintain stations for generating electricity or other power for operating said railway and for furnishing light and heat for the cars, stations, and other premises of said corporation; and the said corporation is made capable in law to lease, purchase, have, hold, enjoy, and retain to itself, its associates, successors, and assigns, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and effects of whatever name or nature, and the same to sell, mortgage, convey, assign, or otherwise dispose of, to ordain such by-laws or regulations, not being contrary to law, as shall be deemed expedient for the government and management of said corporation, and generally to do all things necessary and proper to carry into effect the powers and privileges herein granted: *Provided, however,* that the said corporation shall, in the location and construction of its said railway and other appliances which may be necessary in the transaction of its business, in the public highways of said town, be subject to the direction of the council of said town, and shall comply with all reasonable rules and regulations in regard to the use thereof which said council may impose, provided the tracks of said corporation shall not cross the tracks of any steam railroad company at the same grade. But nothing in this act contained shall authorize the corporation hereby created to construct, own, operate or maintain any railroad in that part of the town of Cumberland lying westerly of the Diamond Hill road or High street, nor to construct, own, operate or maintain any railroad in High street, without the written consent of the company now owning the railroad in said street.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and the amount of such stock to be issued shall be fixed from time to time by vote of said corporation.

SEC. 3. The government of said corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, who shall be stockholders, the number whereof shall be fixed by the by-

laws, who shall be chosen in such manner and at such times and places as said corporation shall by its by-laws prescribe. Said board of directors shall have power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations in relation to the management of the property and affairs of the company as may from time to time seem needful and proper to it, and may amend or repeal the same at pleasure.

SEC. 4. The said corporation may, by vote of the majority of its stockholders, issue its coupon or other bonds to an amount not exceeding its capital stock, to run for a term not exceeding twenty years from the date thereof, and to secure the payment of such bonds with interest thereon, said corporation may make a mortgage or mortgages of its property and franchises or any part or parts thereof, and may include in such mortgage property to be thereafter acquired. All bonds issued by said corporation shall be signed by the president and countersigned by the treasurer thereof, and said officers shall certify upon the face of each bond that it is properly issued.

SEC. 5. The said railway shall be constructed and maintained in said public highways upon such grade as the council of said town may prescribe, and whenever in the judgment of said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of any highway so occupied by the railway of said corporation, such alteration shall be made at the expense of said corporation with the assent of the council of said town.

SEC. 6. The council of said town shall have power at all times to make such reasonable regulations, conformable to the general laws of the state, as to the rate of speed of the cars of said corporation within the limits of said town, as the public convenience and safety may require.

SEC. 7. The said corporation shall put all highways and every portion thereof over or through which it shall lay rails in as good condition as they were before the same were laid, and it shall keep and maintain in repair such portion of the highways as shall be occupied by its tracks, and shall be liable for any loss or injury sustained by any person by reason of any care-

lessness, neglect, or misconduct of itself or its agents or servants in the construction, management, or use of its said railway in said highways; and in case any judgment shall be recovered against said town by reason of any such carelessness, neglect, or misconduct as aforesaid, the said corporation shall be liable to pay to such town any judgment recovered against it, together with the costs and reasonable expenditures incurred in the defence of any suit in which such judgment may be rendered. And said corporation shall not encumber any portion of said highways not occupied by its said tracks, except so far as may be necessary in constructing, repairing, or operating its said railway.

SEC. 8. If the tracks or rails of said corporation or any part thereof, in any highway, shall be abandoned, or the use thereof discontinued for any cause within the control of said corporation for the term of one year, the tracks or rails so abandoned or discontinued shall be taken up by said corporation upon notice given by the town council when such conditions exist and the highway where the same are so taken up shall be put in good repair at the expense of said corporation; and if the said tracks or rails shall not be taken up within thirty days after notice to take up the same shall have been given to said corporation by the council of said town, such town may remove the same at the cost and expense of said corporation.

SEC. 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the town council of said town from entering upon and taking up any of the public highways traversed by said corporation for any purpose for which they might lawfully take up the same.

SEC. 10. The said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, to acquire by lease, purchase, or otherwise, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, the property, rights, contracts, powers, privileges, and franchises owned, used, operated, exercised, or enjoyed by any corporation now incorporated or which may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of the state of Massachusetts, and may issue its capital stock, bonds, or other obliga-

tions in payment for the property, rights, contracts, powers, privileges, and franchises so acquired, and any capital stock issued for such purpose shall be deemed full paid and non-assessable. And said corporation is also authorized and empowered to acquire, hold, and dispose of the stock, bonds, securities, and other obligations of any other street or other railway company organized now or hereafter under the laws of the state of Massachusetts, and to issue its capital stock, bonds, other obligations in payment for the same, and its stock when so issued shall be deemed full paid and non-assessable. And said corporation is also authorized to hold, use, operate, exercise, enjoy, and dispose of all property, rights, contracts, powers, privileges, and franchises acquired as aforesaid, and if said corporation shall acquire all the capital stock or all the property, or both, of any such company, it shall be vested with all the rights, privileges, powers, and franchises of such company. And any such corporation holding or owning such property, rights, privileges, or franchises may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of such property, rights, privileges, or franchises to this corporation, and receive such stock, bonds, or other obligations of this corporation in payment therefor.

SEC. 11. If any person shall willfully or maliciously obstruct said corporation in the use or operation of its railway, or the passing of its cars or carriages over the same, such person and all who shall aid and abet therein shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three months.

SEC. 12. If said corporation or its agents or servants shall unlawfully or willfully obstruct any street or highway, or the passing of its carriages over the same, said corporation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 13. The said corporation may from time to time, and at all times, fix and establish such rates of fare and charges for the carriage of merchandise as it may deem expedient.

SEC. 14. If said corporation shall not be organized, and any capital stock fixed by vote of said corpora-

tion, as hereinbefore provided, shall not be subscribed and ten per centum thereof paid in, within two years from the passage of this act, this act shall be void and of no effect. And if said corporation shall fail to file an application with the town council of said town for a location of said railway, to be constructed by it, on or before July 1, A. D. 1905, or shall fail to construct said railway, or so much thereof as may be required by said town council, within one year after the approval of such location by said town council, the right of said corporation to construct said railroad shall cease and determine.

SEC. 15. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by any one of said corporators by mailing to each of said corporators, at least five days before the time appointed by him for such meeting, a notice in writing, postage prepaid, directed to the last known address of each corporator, stating the time, place, and object of such meeting.

SEC. 16. There shall be an annual meeting of said corporation holden in such place and on such day in each year as the by-laws of said corporation shall direct for the choice of such directors and other officers as the by-laws may prescribe.

SEC. 17. The said corporation shall have an office and place of business either in the said town of Cumberland or in the city of Providence.

SEC. 18. The said corporation may contract with any other corporation to perform all the transportation over the road authorized by this act, or may lease the said road, franchises, and property to any other corporation, upon such terms and conditions and for such period as the parties may agree.

SEC. 19. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WESTERN RHODE ISLAND
RAILWAY COMPANY.Passed April
17, 1903.*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. Franklin P. Owen, George W. Prentice, and James S. Kenyon, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the Western Rhode Island Railway Company, and by that name may have and use a common seal, and the same break, change, and alter in their discretion, and shall have all the powers and privileges and immunities necessary to carry out the full intent and purposes of this act, viz.: for the erecting, constructing, equipping, using, operating, and maintaining a railway or railways for the transportation of passengers, freight, and general merchandise from a point on the line of the Rhode Island Suburban Railway Company, at or near the village of Hope in the town of Scituate, through said town of Scituate and the towns of Smithfield, Glocester, and Burrillville, to a point on Wallum pond in said town of Burrillville, and to operate the same by electricity or other power except steam (provided, that steam may be used at junction points with steam railroads for switching only), and with power to erect, own, use, operate, and maintain a station or stations for generating electricity for operating said railway or railways and also for furnishing electrical current for power, light, heat, and other purposes for said corporation and for lighting any of the streets and highways where its tracks may be located, and with power also to put up, lay, use, and maintain wires and conductors for transmitting electrical current for power, light, heat, and other purposes, and with power also to acquire, own, maintain, and use a wharf or wharves and coal pockets and other buildings and lands in connection therewith at some point or points at or near Cowesett bay or Greenwich bay in the town of Warwick, and extending into tide waters at or near said Cowesett bay or Greenwich bay, and the same to connect by a line or lines of railway over private property with the tracks of said Rhode Island Suburban Railway Company at some point or

points southerly and easterly of the village of Apponaug, either on the property of said Suburban Company or in any highway in which the tracks of said Suburban Company may be laid: *Provided, however*, that said Western Rhode Island Railway Company shall not condemn any land or make any connection with said Suburban Company at any point on the southerly or westerly side of Apponaug river or Cowesett bay or on Arnold's Neck, so-called, or on Warwick Neck, more than one thousand feet from the present location of the Rhode Island Suburban Railway Company; subject, however, to all duties and liabilities and restrictions set forth in Chapters 177 and 187 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof, with power to construct, use, operate, equip, and maintain a railway or railways for the purposes aforesaid, with convenient single, double, or other tracks and turnouts for cars or carriages in such of the public streets or highways of said towns of Scituate, Smithfield, Glocester, and Burrillville as shall be fixed by the town councils of the said towns, respectively, with the assent of the said corporation in writing expressed and filed with the said town councils, and upon and over such of the streets and highways of the said towns as shall be from time to time fixed and determined by the said town councils, with the written assent of the said corporation filed as aforesaid, and also over and through such other land or lands in said towns of Scituate, Smithfield, Glocester, and Burrillville, and in that part of the town of Warwick lying southerly and easterly of the village of Apponaug, within the limits above mentioned, with the right to extend into tide waters at or near Cowesett bay or Greenwich bay, as said corporation may elect to build its railway or railways, or put up, lay, use, and maintain its wires, conductors, and all other necessary equipments, wharves, coal pockets, and buildings. All tracks of said railway or railways in any public highway shall be laid at such distance from the sidewalks in said towns as the said town councils of the said towns, respectively, in their orders fixing the route of said railway or railways, may determine: *Provided, how-*

ever, that the said corporation shall not construct, use, or continue said railway or railways, or put up, lay, use, and maintain its wires, conductors, and all other necessary equipments over or along any street or highway in the said towns of Scituate, Smithfield, Gloucester, or Burrillville, unless with the assent of the town councils of said towns and upon compliance with such terms and conditions and under such rules and regulations as said town councils may impose; and *provided, further*, that said railway or railways shall not cross any steam road at grade.

SEC. 2. Said Western Rhode Island Railway Company is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation, from time to time, such lands and such interests and estates in lands, including estates in fee simple, as said corporation may from time to time take for its corporate purposes in the towns of Scituate, Smithfield, Gloucester, Burrillville, and in that part of the town of Warwick lying southerly and easterly of the village of Apponaug, within the limits above mentioned, and including the right to build and extend its wharves, coal pockets, and other buildings into tide water at or near said Cowesett bay or Greenwich bay. And said corporation may locate, construct, maintain, use, and operate its railway or railways, wharves, coal pockets, and all suitable and convenient buildings, machinery, poles, wires, conduits, appurtenances, and appliances, upon and over the lands so acquired and including tide water at or near said Cowesett bay or Greenwich bay. Nothing in this act shall authorize said corporation to condemn any portion of the location of any other railroad or street railway company, except for the purpose of crossing the same either above or below grade and of maintaining suitable and convenient abutments or other supports for the structure erected or constructed for such crossing, nor to condemn any right of way, nor to lay its tracks in any highway in any town in which any other street railway company may have acquired exclusive rights or franchises under the provisions of Chapter 975 of the Public Laws, passed at the May session, A. D. 1891, or under Chapter 77 of the General Laws, or

under special act, without the consent of the company holding such exclusive right or franchise (provided that said corporation may be authorized to cross at grade, in any public street or highway where its construction may be authorized, the tracks of any railway not operated by steam). Nothing in this act shall authorize said corporation to condemn any land lying within the limits of any public park or square or other public place, or any land lying within the limits of any public highway, except for the purpose of crossing such highway and subject to the public use thereof for highway purposes. Whenever said company shall take any lands, or any interest or estate therein, under the provisions of this act, it shall file in the common pleas division of the supreme court in the county in which said lands are located a certificate containing a general description of such lands and a statement of the interests and estates therein which are taken, and a list of the owners thereof and the persons interested therein, so far as the same may be known to said company. Said certificate shall be accompanied by a plat showing the location of such lands, and shall contain a notice that said company will give such security as the court may require for the payment of all such costs and damages as may be finally awarded to any person interested in the lands taken in the proceedings commenced by the filing of such certificate.

SEC. 3. Upon the filing of such certificate and plat, the court shall enter an order fixing the time when and the place where all persons interested in the land in said certificate described may appear before said court and be heard with reference to the necessity of the taking of such land and the appointment of commissioners to appraise the damages sustained by them by such taking, and the security to be given by said company for damages and costs; and the clerk of said court shall thereupon issue a notice, directed to the persons named in said certificate and to all other persons interested in said land, containing the substance of said certificate and said order; which notice shall be served by publication for such time and in such newspaper or newspapers as the court may describe.

SEC. 4. At the time and place mentioned in said notice or at any adjournment therefrom ordered by the court, the court, after hearing the parties interested who may appear and desire to be heard, shall first determine whether the lands in said certificate described are necessary to said company for its corporate purposes; and if it shall determine that such lands are necessary to said company, said court shall proceed to fix the security to be given by said company for damages and costs, and appoint three suitable persons as commissioners to appraise the damages sustained by the persons interested in the lands described in said certificate by reason of the taking of said lands or of any interest or estate therein. Any vacancies in said commission which may occur from time to time shall be filled by the court, upon application of any party interested in said proceedings and upon such notice as the court may direct.

SEC. 5. Said commissioners, before they proceed to execute their duties, shall be sworn to a faithful and impartial discharge thereof, and shall give reasonable notice, by publication or otherwise, in such manner as the court may direct, to all persons interested to file their claims, if any they have which have not been released to said company, with the clerk of said court within thirty days from the date of said notice. At the end of the time allowed for filing such claims, the commissioners or a majority of them shall fix a time and place for hearing all persons interested as to the damages by them sustained, and shall give notice of such hearing by publication in one or more of the newspapers published in the county where said lands are situated, once a week for at least three weeks prior to the date of such meeting, and shall give such further notice, if any, as the court may direct. At the time and place fixed for such hearing, or at any adjournment therefrom, the commissioners or a majority of them shall proceed to hear the parties interested, with their allegations and proofs, and shall examine the premises; and shall estimate all such damages as they think any person interested has sustained by the taking of said land or any interest or estate therein.

And the commissioners or a majority of them shall make return of their doings and of the damages assessed by them, as soon as may be, to the court from which they received their appointment, with their fees marked thereon; which fees, being first allowed by the court, shall be forthwith paid by said corporation.

SEC. 6. Upon receipt of the report of said commissioners, the clerk of the court shall open the same, and shall give public notice by advertising for such time and in such newspaper or newspapers as the court may prescribe, that such report has been received and opened and that the same may be examined by any party interested therein; and either said company or any other party aggrieved by any award of damages made by said commissioners may claim a jury trial upon any item of damages thereby awarded, and may file a claim for such trial with the clerk of said court at any time within three months from the opening of such report. And such claim shall stand for trial by jury, upon proper issues based upon such claim, as other civil cases upon the docket of said court, and shall be tried therein in every respect as other civil cases are there tried, including the right to except to rulings and to apply for new trial for cause. But if the party claiming such jury trial shall not therein obtain an award more favorable to such party than that given by the commissioners, such party shall recover his or its costs from the adverse party.

SEC. 7. The report of the commissioners shall be confirmed by the court, after being so corrected as to conform to the findings of the jury in cases where a jury trial is claimed; and upon such confirmation, execution or executions for damages fixed by said report as confirmed shall issue against said company as upon judgment, in due course of law.

SEC. 8. Whenever the court shall have determined that any lands are necessary to said company for its corporate purposes, as provided in section 4, said company may immediately enter upon, take possession of, and use such lands for its corporate purposes: *Provided, however,* that no such entry or use shall be made or possession be taken, except for the purpose of

making surveys, until said company shall have given the security fixed by the court, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 9. Said company may abandon any lands or any interests or estates therein taken under the provisions of this act, by filing a notice of such abandonment in the office of the clerk of the court in which the proceedings hereinbefore provided for are pending, at any time before the confirmation of the report of the commissioners appointed to assess damages. If said corporation shall not have entered upon, taken possession of, or used the lands so abandoned, or any interest or estate therein, prior to the filing of such notice of abandonment, all proceedings for the assessment of damages for the taking of the land or the interests or estates therein shall cease, and said corporation shall pay to any person interested in the property so abandoned all costs and expenses, if any, incurred in prosecuting for damages for the taking of such land or estates or interests therein up to the time of such abandonment, which costs shall be taxed by the clerk. If said company shall have entered upon, taken possession of, or used the lands or any interests or estates therein so abandoned prior to such abandonment, and the assessment of damages for the same is then pending before commissioners or a jury, then, upon such abandonment, said company shall have the right to give such abandonment in evidence in diminution of damages, paying costs, if the question of damages is pending, on claim of jury trial, notwithstanding a diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment given in evidence; or if the commissioners or a jury have finally assessed the damages, said company shall have a right to a revision of the assessment and to a re-assessment, by petition to the commissioners, in order that the diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment may be considered, with right of any party interested to claim a jury trial as in case of the original assessment.

SEC. 10. When the lands or any interests or estates therein in which any infant or other person not capable in law to act in his own behalf is interested are taken

by said company under the provisions of this act, the court before which the proceedings for such taking are pending may appoint a guardian *ad litem* for such infant or other person, and such guardian may appear and be heard in behalf of such infant or other person at any stage of the proceedings; and such guardian may also, with the advice and consent of the court appointing him, release to said company all claims for damages for the lands of such infant or other person, or for any interest or estates therein so taken. And if there shall be any dispute as to the title of any lands or interests or estates therein taken under the provisions of this act, or as to the persons entitled to receive the damages awarded for such taking, or if the person entitled to receive such damages is uncertain or unknown, said company may pay such damages into the registry of the court before which such proceedings are pending with the same effect as to the title of said company to such lands or interests or estates therein as though such damages had been paid to the person or persons entitled to receive the same.

SEC. 11. Any court in which any proceedings under this act shall be pending may from time to time order such other and further notices to be given, in addition to those hereinbefore prescribed, and may make such other orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act or with the general laws of the state, as may be required, in the opinion of such court, to protect the rights and interests of the parties interested in such proceedings.. And any proceedings taken under this act may be amended or corrected at any stage, upon such terms and notice, if any, as the court may prescribe.

SEC. 12. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one million dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. Said corporation may from time to time issue its bonds to the amount of one million dollars, and secure the same by a mortgage or mortgages of its property, rights, and franchises in such sums and to such amounts as it may deem necessary for the purpose of constructing, improving, and equipping its property, and to pay and

discharge any indebtedness existing against it. The management of all its affairs, except the mortgaging or conveyance of its real estate, rights, and franchises, shall be vested in a board of at least five directors who shall be stockholders, and who shall be chosen in such manner and at such times and places as said corporation shall by its by-laws prescribe. The directors shall hold office for one year and until others are elected and qualified to take their places, and a majority of them shall form a quorum to transact business: *Provided*, that less than a majority may fill vacancies in such board. The directors shall elect one of their number president of the company, and they may choose a clerk and treasurer, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties, and such other officers and agents as they may deem necessary. The treasurer shall give bond to the corporation with surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the directors in a sum fixed by them for the faithful discharge of his trust.

SEC. 13. Said corporation, or its board of directors, shall make all the by-laws necessary for the management of its affairs and the regulation and control of its officers and agents, and to carry out the provisions of this act, and may alter the same from time to time.

SEC. 14. Said corporation shall have the power to lease, purchase, or hold all such land and buildings for the use of said railway or railways, and such other purposes of this act, and if necessary may dispose of and convey the same.

SEC. 15. The said railway or railways shall be constructed and maintained in such form and manner and upon such grade as the town councils of said towns may respectively prescribe, and whenever in the judgment of said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of any street or highway so occupied by it, such alteration shall be made at the expense of said corporation, with the consent of the town councils of said respective towns, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

SEC. 16. The said railway or railways shall be

operated by electricity or other power except steam (provided that steam may be used at junction points with steam railroads for switching purposes only, as specified in section 1), and said corporation shall have power to fix the rate of fare and freight and express charges as it may deem expedient.

SEC. 17. The town councils of said towns shall have power at all times to make such regulations as to the rate of speed and the mode and use of tracks within the limits of the highways of said towns, respectively, as the public safety and convenience may require.

SEC. 18. The said corporation shall put all streets and highways over or through which it shall lay any rails in as good condition as they were before the rails were laid, and it shall keep and maintain in repair such portions of the streets and highways as shall be occupied by its tracks and eighteen inches on each side of its tracks, and shall be liable for any loss or injuries that any person shall sustain by reason of any carelessness, neglect, or misconduct of its agents and servants in the management, construction, or use of said railway or railways, or streets or highways in which same are laid; and in case any judgment shall be recorded against either of the said towns by reason of such misconduct, defect, or want of repairs, said corporation shall be liable to pay to said town or towns any sum thus recovered against them, together with all costs and reasonable expenses incurred by them, respectively, in the defence of any such suit or suits in which recovery may be had. And said corporation shall not encumber any of the streets or highways except so far as it may be necessary in constructing or repairing the same.

SEC. 19. Whenever any estate abutting on a street or highway over or upon which the rails of said corporation have been laid shall be injured thereby, the said corporation shall be liable to pay the owner or owners thereof the damages thereby occasioned to such estate: *Provided*, that action therefor shall be brought within sixty days from the time when such damages shall have been occasioned.

SEC. 20. If any person shall maliciously or willfully obstruct said corporation in the use of its railway or railways or the passing of its cars or carriages over the same, such person, and all who shall be aiding or abetting therein, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or may be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three months.

SEC. 21. If any corporation or its agents or servants shall unlawfully or maliciously obstruct any street or highway, or the passing of any carriages over the same, said corporation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 22. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the town councils of said towns, respectively, from entering upon and taking up of any of the public streets and highways traversed by said corporation for any purpose for which they may lawfully take up the same.

SEC. 23. If said railway or any part thereof constructed in, over, along any public street or highway in either of said towns shall be abandoned or discontinued for any cause within the control of said corporation, or if the same shall not be used for the term of one year, said railway or any part thereof so abandoned or discontinued or not used shall be taken up by said company, and the street or highway, when the same is so taken up, shall be put in good order and repair at said company's expense, and if said railway so abandoned shall not be taken up within ninety days after notice to take up the same shall have been given to the said company by said town councils, respectively, such towns may take up the same at the cost and expense of said company.

SEC. 24. Said corporation and the persons hereinbefore named as incorporators thereof may contract with the Rhode Island Suburban Railway Company for the transportation of the cars of the corporation hereby created in the towns of Warwick, Coventry, and Scituate to and from the terminus of the corporation hereby created at or near the village of Hope.

SEC. 25. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the town of Scituate or in the city of Providence.

SEC. 26. At the first meeting of the corporators called for organization and acceptance of the charter those persons who have become subscribers to any portion of the capital stock are eligible to vote at this meeting for a board of directors for the first year.

SEC. 27. If none of the capital stock voted by said company shall have been subscribed for and ten per centum of such stock subscribed for shall not have been paid in and the corporation organized within six months from the passage of this act, or if the said stock being so subscribed and paid in upon such organization, said corporation shall fail to acquire any lands or any estate or interest therein, or apply for any franchises in the streets and highways it may deem necessary for its first location within twelve months from the passage of this act, and finally complete the first location of the main line of its railway within three years from the acquisition of such lands or any interest therein, or within three years from the granting of such franchises in streets or highways as it may apply for, and the designation of such streets or highways for the construction of its railway or railways therein by the town councils of said towns, respectively, as aforesaid, failing in either of the above mentioned cases or conditions then this act shall be void and of no effect.

SEC. 28. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SEA VIEW RAILROAD COMPANY," AND THE SEVERAL ACTS IN ADDITION THERETO AND IN AMENDMENT THEREOF.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The corporation established by the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Sea View Railroad Company," passed June 17th, 1887, in addition to the powers granted by said act and the several acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to engage in the business of furnishing light, heat, and power, and of generating and producing electricity for the purpose of distributing, conducting, selling, and leasing the same for lighting, heating, mechanical, motive, and other purposes, in the towns of North Kingstown, South Kingstown, and Narragansett, and with the consent of the town councils of the said towns where said wires and conductors for electricity are to be put up, laid, used, and maintained, to erect and maintain wires, poles, and conduits for conducting electricity in the prosecution of said business of distributing and conducting electricity for lighting, heating, mechanical, motive, and other purposes. Said corporation is further empowered to contract and to enter into contracts for the furnishing of light, heat, and power, and to acquire such rights and franchises relating to the conducting of electricity through, over, or under the highways of the said towns of North Kingstown, South Kingstown, and Narragansett as may be lawfully granted by the town councils of said towns, respectively, and the town councils of said towns are hereby authorized to grant to said corporation such rights, privileges, and franchises in respect to using the highways, streets, and public places within their respective limits for the purposes aforesaid as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the public safety and convenience.

SEC. 2. So much of the original act passed June 17th, 1887, and the several acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof, as are inconsistent herewith

are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately after its passage.

Passed April
16, 1903. — —

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WESTERLY AND HOPKINTON RAILWAY COMPANY," PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1902.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The Westerly and Hopkinton Railway Company is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation, from time to time, such lands and such interests and estates in lands in the towns of Westerly and Hopkinton as said corporation may from time to time take in manner hereinafter provided for its corporate purposes, and may locate, construct, maintain, use, and operate its railway or railways, and all suitable poles, wires, conduits, and other appurtenances and appliances of such railway or railways, upon and over the lands so acquired.

SEC. 2. Whenever said corporation shall take any lands or any interest or estate therein under the provisions of this act, it shall file in the common pleas division of the supreme court, in the county in which such lands are located, a certificate containing a general description of such lands and a list of the owners thereof and the persons interested therein, so far as the same may be known to said corporation. Said certificate shall be accompanied by a plat showing the location of such lands, and shall contain a notice that said corporation will give such security as the court may require for the payment of all such costs and damages as may be finally awarded to any person interested in the lands taken in the proceedings commenced by the filing of such certificate.

SEC. 3. Upon the filing of such certificate and plat, the court shall enter an order fixing the time when and the place where all persons interested in the land in said certificate described may appear before said court and be heard with reference to the necessity of the

taking of such land and the appointment of commissioners to appraise the damages sustained by them by such taking and the security to be given by said corporation for damages and costs; and the clerk of said court shall thereupon issue a notice, directed to the persons named in said certificate and to all other persons interested in said land, containing the substance of said certificate and said order, which notice shall be served by publication for such time and in such newspaper or newspapers as the court may prescribe, and in such other manner as the court may direct.

SEC. 4. At the time and place mentioned in said notice, or at any adjournment therefrom ordered by the court, the court, after hearing the parties interested who may appear and desire to be heard, shall first determine whether the lands in said certificate described are necessary to said corporation for its corporate purposes; and if it shall determine that such lands are necessary to said corporation, said court shall proceed to fix the security to be given by said corporation for damages and costs, and appoint three suitable persons as commissioners to appraise the damages sustained by the persons interested in the lands described in said certificate by reason of the taking of said lands or of any interest or estate therein. Any vacancies in said commission which may occur from time to time shall be filled by the court, upon the application of any party interested in said proceedings, and upon such notice as the court may direct.

SEC. 5. Said commissioners, before they proceed to execute their duties, shall be sworn to a faithful and impartial discharge thereof, and shall give reasonable notice, by publication or otherwise, in such manner as the court may direct, to all persons interested to file their claims, if any they have, which have not been released to said corporation, with the clerk of said court within thirty days from the date of said notice. At the end of the time allowed for filing such claims, the commissioners or a majority of them shall fix a time and place for hearing all persons interested as to the damages by them sustained, and shall give notice of such hearing by publication in at least one of the

newspapers published in the towns of Westerly and Hopkinton, once a week for at least three weeks prior to the date of such meeting, and shall give such further notice, if any, as the court may direct. At the time and place fixed for said hearing, or at any adjournment therefrom, the commissioners or a majority of them shall proceed to hear the parties interested, with their allegations and proofs, and shall examine the premises; and shall estimate all such damages as they think any person interested has sustained by the taking of said land or any interest or estate therein. And the commissioners or a majority of them shall make return of their doings and of the damages assessed by them, as soon as may be, to the court from which they received their appointment, with their fees marked thereon; which fees, being first allowed by the court, shall be forthwith paid by said corporation.

SEC. 6. Upon the receipt of the report of said commissioners, the clerk of the court shall open the same, and shall give public notice, by advertisement for such time and in such newspaper or newspapers as the court may prescribe, that such report has been received and opened and that the same may be examined by any party interested therein; and either said corporation or any other party aggrieved by any award of damages made by the said commissioners may claim a jury trial upon any item of damages thereby awarded, and may file a claim for such trial with the clerk of said court at any time within three months from the opening of such report, and such claim shall stand for trial by jury, upon proper issues based upon such claim, as other civil cases upon the docket of such court, and shall be tried therein in every respect as other civil cases are there tried, including the right to except to rulings and to apply for new trial for cause. But if the party claiming such jury trial shall not therein obtain an award more favorable to such party than that given by the commissioners, such party shall pay costs to the adverse party, unless otherwise ordered by the court; and if any party claiming such jury trial shall obtain therein an award more favor-

able than that given by the commissioners, such party shall recover his or its costs from the adverse party.

SEC. 7. The report of the commissioners shall be confirmed by the court, after being so corrected as to conform to the findings of the jury in cases where a jury trial is claimed; and upon such confirmation, execution or executions for the damages fixed by said report as confirmed shall issue against said corporation as upon a judgment, in due course of law.

SEC. 8. Whenever the court shall have determined that any lands are necessary to said corporation for its corporate purposes, as provided in section 4, said corporation may immediately enter upon, take possession of, and use such lands for its corporate purposes: *Provided, however*, that no such entry or use shall be made or possession be taken, except for the purpose of making surveys, until said corporation shall have given the security fixed by the court, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 9. Said corporation may abandon any lands or any interests or estates therein taken under the provisions of this act, by filing a notice of such abandonment in the office of the clerk of the court in which the proceedings hereinbefore provided are pending, at any time before confirmation of the report of the commissioners appointed to assess damages. If said corporation shall not have entered upon, taken possession of, or used the lands so abandoned, or any interest or estate therein, prior to the filing of such notice of abandonment, all proceedings for the assessment of damages for the taking of the land, or the interests or estates therein, so abandoned, shall cease, and said corporation shall pay to any person interested in the property so abandoned all his costs incurred in prosecuting the damages for the taking of such land or estates or interests therein up to the time of such abandonment, which costs shall be taxed by the clerk. If said corporation shall have entered upon, taken possession of, or used the lands or any interests or estates therein so abandoned prior to such abandonment, and the assessment of damages for the same is then pending before commissioners or a jury, then, upon such abandonment, said corporation shall have the right to

give such abandonment in evidence in diminution of damages, paying costs, if the question of damages is pending, on claim of jury trial, notwithstanding a diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment given in evidence; or if the commissioners or a jury have finally assessed the damages, said corporation shall have a right to a revision of the assessment and to a re-assessment, by petition to the commissioners, in order that the diminution of damages in consequence of such abandonment may be considered, with right of any party interested to claim a jury trial as in case of the original assessment.

SEC. 10. When the lands or any interests or estates therein in which any infant or other person not capable in law to act in his own behalf is interested are taken by said corporation under the provisions of this act, the court before which the proceedings for such taking are pending may appoint a guardian *ad litem* for such infant or other person, and such guardian may appear and be heard in behalf of such infant or other person at any stage of the proceedings; and such guardian may also, with the advice and consent of the court appointing him, release to said corporation all claims for damages for the lands of such infant or other person, or for any interests or estates therein, so taken. And if there shall be any dispute as to the title of any lands or interests or estates therein taken under the provisions of this act, or as to the persons entitled to receive the damages awarded for such taking, or if the person entitled to receive such damages is uncertain or unknown, said corporation may pay such damages into the registry of the court before which such proceedings are pending with the same effect as to the title of said corporation to such lands or interests or estates therein as though such damages had been paid to the person or persons entitled to receive the same.

SEC. 11. Any court in which any proceedings under this act shall be pending may from time to time order such other and further notices to be given, in addition to those hereinbefore prescribed, and may make such other orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act or with the general laws of the

state, as may be required, in the opinion of such court, to protect the rights and interests of the parties interested in such proceedings. And any proceedings taken under this act may be amended or corrected at any stage, upon such terms and notice, if any, as the court may prescribe.

SEC. 12. Nothing in this act shall authorize this corporation to condemn any portion of the location of any other railroad or street railway company, except for the purpose of crossing the same either above or below grade and of maintaining suitable and convenient abutments or other supports for the structures erected or constructed for such crossing, nor to acquire or exercise any right in derogation of or inconsistent with any exclusive right or franchise acquired by any street railway company under the provisions of Chapter 975 of the Public Laws, passed at the May session, A. D. 1891, or under any special act, without the consent of the company holding such exclusive right or franchise. Nor shall anything in this act authorize the condemnation of any land lying within the limits of any public park or square or other public place, or any land lying within the limits of any public highway, except for the purpose of crossing such highway and subject to the public use thereof for highway purposes. Nor shall anything in this act prejudice or affect any action now pending in any court in this state.

SEC. 13. The costs of all proceedings under this act shall be taxed by the clerk of the court in which such proceedings are pending, and shall be paid by said corporation, except as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 14. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed Feb. 6,
1903.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE NEWPORT
AND BRISTOL FERRY RAILWAY COMPANY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation created as "The Newport and Bristol Ferry Railway Company," under the provisions of an act of the general assembly of the state of Rhode Island, passed March 20th, A. D. 1902, at the January session, A. D. 1902, is hereby changed to the "Newport and Providence Railway Company," with the same rights and privileges and subject to the same liabilities and limitations as if its name had not been changed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE COVENTRY TELEPHONE
COMPANY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. James H. Hill, George B. Parker, Byron H. Nixon, George W. Andrews, Israel Whaley, Leonard D. Greene, Foster H. Clark, James H. Hill, Jr., Alfred R. Johnson, Fred A. Hill, James E. Williams, Caleb G. Bates, Frank G. Bates, Albert Bassett, Amos F. Franklin, William H. Monroe, Thomas Whaley, and Job S. Carpenter, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of Coventry Telephone Company, with the power within the following described towns and parts of towns, viz.: the town of West Greenwich, that part of the town of Coventry west of a north and south line drawn across said town one-fourth of a mile west of the highway bridge across the south branch of the Pawtuxet river in the village of Washington, and that part of the town of Foster lying south of the highway running across said town from the Line store, so called, to a point near the Barden reservoir, so called, to build, construct, maintain, license, use, and work for hire, public and private

telephone, and other electric, non-electric, or magnetic instruments and apparatus for the transmission of articulate speech, message, sounds, tones, or signals; and telephone and other electric or non-electric lines of wire for conducting electricity, magnetism, or electric or magnetic influences for the transmission of articulate sounds, tones, or signals; to buy, sell, own, and deal in any real or personal property necessary or convenient for the prosecution of said business, and generally to do all things incident to said business and to the proper management thereof, with all the privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapters 177 and 180 of the General Laws and in any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be five thousand dollars. The stock shall be divided into shares of ten dollars each.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have full power to use the public roads, streets, and highways within said town of West Greenwich, and said parts of Coventry and Foster, for the purpose of erecting thereon its posts or poles to sustain such wires, cables, cable-boxes, and other fixtures as it may from time to time desire to attach thereto.

Before erecting any posts or poles upon the streets of either of said towns for the purpose of sustaining wires, cables, or other fixtures, the said corporation shall first obtain the consent of the town council of said town for the use of the streets and highways upon which such poles may be erected, and the town council may regulate the manner of erecting such poles, and location for, and the kind and height of the same, and may from time to time require the said corporation to replace any pole or poles that are not satisfactory to said town council, and to change the location of any pole or poles, and may regulate the manner of such laying of wires or cables and the location thereof, and the said corporation shall be subject to any reasonable rules and regulations with reference to the use of said street and highways as the said town council may from time to time make and ordain.

SEC. 4. In case said corporation or any of its agents or employees shall, in construction, maintenance, or reparation of any of its lines constructed hereunder, cut down, mutilate, or otherwise substantially injure any shade tree, or ornamental or cultivated tree, without the consent of the owner of the same, said company shall be liable to such owner in a sum equal to five times the value of such tree, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction, and in such case said company shall, in addition to such damages, pay to such owner the entire cost of suit, including reasonable counsel fees, to be added to the judgment thereon.

SEC. 5. The stock or shares of each stockholder shall be pledged and held liable for all debts and demands of every nature due or owing from the owner thereof to said corporation, and whether the same shall be overdue or payable at a future day, and whether arising from installments, assessments, or otherwise howsoever; and said stock or shares, so pledged or holden, or any part thereof, may at any time or from time to time be sold for the payment of any such debts or demands in such manner as the by-laws of the corporation may prescribe, and in case the proceeds of such sale shall be insufficient to pay and discharge such debts or demands, with incidental expenses, the corporation may have their action against such delinquent stockholders for the balance due.

SEC. 6. Said corporation shall have the right to make any by-laws to carry out the purposes of their incorporation, or to regulate or manage its business, not inconsistent with this charter.

SEC. 7. There shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders of said corporation in the town of Coventry, at such time as the by-laws shall prescribe, for the choice of officers and for such other business as may come before them, but the validity of this act shall not be impaired by the failure to hold such meeting; but the business of such meeting may be transacted at any legal meeting of the corporation held thereafter.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall have a place of business in the town of Coventry.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
THE WESTERLY AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE COMPANY."

Passed April
10, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Westerly Automatic Telephone Company," passed at the January session, A. D. 1902, is hereby amended by striking out the words "within the town of Westerly only" in said section after the word "power" and before the words "to build."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of said act is amended so as to read as follows, to wit:—"Sec. 3. Said corporation shall have full power to use the public roads, streets, or highways within the towns of Westerly, Hopkinton, Richmond, and Charlestown, in Washington county, for the purpose of erecting thereon its posts or poles to sustain such wires, cables, cable boxes, and other fixtures as it may from time to time desire to attach thereto.

"Before erecting any posts or poles upon the streets of any of said towns for the purpose of sustaining wires, cables, or other fixtures, the said corporation shall first obtain the consent of the town council of said town for the use of the streets and highways upon which such poles may be erected in said town, and the town council may regulate in said town the manner of erecting such poles, and location for, the kind and height of the same, and may from time to time require the said corporation to replace any pole or poles in said town that are not satisfactory to said town council, and to change the location of any pole or poles in said town, and may regulate the manner of such laying of wires or cables and the location thereof in said town; and said town council shall have the right at any time to use any posts or poles already erected or to be hereafter erected in said town by said company for the fire alarm and police service owned by said town, with-

out charge therefor, and the said corporation shall be subject to any reasonable rules and regulations with reference to the use of said streets and highways in said town as the said town council may from time to time make and ordain."

SEC. 3. Section 8 of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit:—"Sec. 8. Said corporation shall have a place of business in the town of Westerly, and may have a place of business in each of said towns of Hopkinton, Richmond, and Charles-town if it so orders."

SEC. 4. Said corporation may mortgage all or any part of its lines, appliances, machines, or machinery or apparatus whether owned by it at the time of said mortgage or those thereafter to be acquired by it, or both, to secure its bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and any mortgage given as aforesaid shall be valid and effectual as respects property therein included as aforesaid, and shall be recorded under the laws of this state applicable to mortgages of real estate in any or all of the towns where the said property mortgaged is located. In said mortgage deed it shall be sufficient to describe the lines, wires, poles, conduits, equipment, and apparatus of the telephone company in general terms and by general references as to the locality.

SEC. 5. The capital stock of said corporation may be increased from time to time to any amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars by the majority vote of the stockholders of said corporation at any meeting duly called for that purpose.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed March
10, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE EASTERN TRUST
COMPANY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Charles H. Page, Henry J. Dubois, and Charles M. Salisbury, their associates, successors, and

assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of Eastern Trust Company, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapters 177 and 179 of the General Laws and in any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, together with such special powers as may be conferred upon said corporation by this act.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by the by-laws or vote of the corporation, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be assignable and transferable according to the by-laws of said corporation, and not otherwise. The stockholders of said corporation shall be personally and individually liable for all debts due from said corporation to the amount at their par value of the shares held by them in addition to the amount invested in such shares: *Provided*, that the corporation shall be first sued and the corporate property first exhausted in the payment of the debts of the corporation.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have power to receive and hold moneys in trust or on deposit, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and to allow such interest upon the same as may be obtained or agreed upon, and to loan any moneys in its hands for such interest as may be agreed upon, and to invest its capital stock any moneys in its hands in such bonds, obligations, or property, real, personal, or mixed, as it may deem prudent. Every person, not under guardianship, who may make a deposit personally in said corporation, may control, transfer, or withdraw the money or securities so deposited, and the dividends or interest that have accrued or may accrue thereon, notwithstanding such person at the time of exercising such control or of making such transfer or withdrawal may be a minor.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, receivers, custodians, trustees, or guardians of the estate of any person, moneys in their hands, and to allow such rate of interest thereon as may be agreed upon; for which de-

posits so made the capital stock of said corporation shall be pledged, and such depositors shall be first indemnified in full, in case of loss, from such stock so pledged, in preference to all other creditors of said corporation.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, receivers, custodians, trustees and guardians, bonds, notes, mortgages, certificates of stocks and other securities, as well as moneys, and to collect, pay over, or invest the dividends, income, interest, and profits thereof, according to the requirements of the trust upon which the said trust company shall have received the same. And said corporation shall be liable therefor, and its capital stock shall be pledged and holden therefor, in the same way and to the same extent as for moneys received by it under the provisions of the preceding section.

SEC. 6. Courts of probate are hereby authorized to appoint said corporation guardian or custodian of the estate only of any person who may be subject to guardianship, and said corporation may accept and act under such appointment: *Provided*, that said corporation shall not be authorized to act in any case as executor, administrator, guardian, or custodian, and no letters testamentary, of administration, guardianship, or of custodianship, shall be issued to said corporation until its acceptance of the appointment and trust shall be filed and recorded in the probate court in which said appointment shall be made.

SEC. 7. In all cases in which said corporation shall receive and accept appointment as executor, administrator, guardian, or custodian of any estate, bond shall be given by said corporation in the same manner as provided by law in the case of individuals so appointed.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall also have power to accept and execute all such trusts, and to hold in trust all such property of every description, as may be committed to it by any person or persons, or by any corporation, or by any court of this state or of the United States; and also to accept and execute the office and appointment of executors, administrators, custodians,

guardians, assignees, or receivers of any kind or nature whatever, whether such office or appointment be conferred or made by any person or persons, or by any court of probate, or other court; and the whole capital stock of said corporation shall be taken and considered as security required by law for the faithful performance of its duties as such executor, administrator, custodian, guardian, assignee, or receiver, and shall be absolutely liable in case of any default; and any court of probate in this state is hereby empowered, in its discretion, to appoint said corporation as administrator in any case within its jurisdiction, excepting upon the estate of a wife dying intestate.

SEC. 9. Said corporation shall also have power to receive and execute all trusts which may be created or transferred to it by the decree of any court, and to receive all moneys that may be deposited with it, by any order of court, upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and every court into which moneys may be paid by parties to any proceeding therein, or may be brought by order or judgment, may, by order, direct the same to be deposited with said corporation.

SEC. 10. Said corporation shall not be required to assume or execute any trust without its own assent.

SEC. 11. Said corporation may issue certificates for the amount of all moneys deposited with it in trust or otherwise, which shall be assignable and transferable under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the directors.

SEC. 12. Said corporation shall be required to deposit with the general treasurer of this state, in bonds of this state, or of the state of New York, or of some one of the New England States, or of the United States, or in bonds or notes of any town or city in New England whose indebtedness does not exceed one-fifth of its assessed valuation, an amount that shall be at all times equal in market value to twenty per cent. of the outstanding capital stock of said corporation, which bonds and notes shall be held by said treasurer as a deposit to secure the faithful performance by said corporation of its duties as executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, custodian, or receiver, and also as a

security for the repayment of moneys deposited with said corporation by executors, administrators, guardians, assignees, custodians, or receivers, or trustees on special agreement; and the parties intended hereby to be secured by such deposit shall, in case of loss, be first fully indemnified out of such deposit, in preference to all other creditors of said corporation.

SEC. 13. Upon the receipt by said general treasurer of such deposit of bonds or notes from said corporation said general treasurer shall give to said corporation a certificate of the fact and amount of such deposit. Said general treasurer shall at all times pay over to said corporation the interest which may be received upon such bonds or notes, and shall at all times permit said corporation, by its treasurer or other authorized agent, to receive all coupons on the same as they shall mature, and to collect for the use of said corporation all interest due thereon, or on said bonds or notes, however the same may be evidenced or secured; and shall also permit said corporation to retire any bond or note so deposited with him on substituting therefor other bonds or notes, of any or either of the classes mentioned above, to such an amount that the market value of the whole deposit shall not be less than the amount required by the provisions of the preceding section.

SEC. 14. The stockholders of said corporation shall have power to elect annually as many directors as they shall deem expedient, and to define their powers and duties. Such directors, when elected, shall serve until others are elected in their stead, and they shall have power to elect a president of the company, to appoint all such other officers, clerks, and agents as they may deem needful for conducting the business of the company, to prescribe their duties and number, to fix their compensation, and the periods for which they shall respectively serve. The directors shall also have power to fill any vacancy which may occur in their own number, until the next annual election by the stockholders.

SEC. 15. Said corporation may take, purchase, hold, sell, convey, lease, or improve property or estates of

any kind, either real or personal, and is also authorized and empowered to transact a general warehouse and storage business, and to do and perform all such matters and things as are connected therewith or are incidental to the powers hereby conferred.

SEC. 16. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Providence, and may locate branches within the state.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Ralph C. Watrous, Cyrus M. Van Slyck, and Joseph C. Sweeney, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of Equitable Trust Company, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapters 177 and 179 of the General Laws and in any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, together with such special powers as may be conferred upon said corporation by this act.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by the by-laws or by vote of the corporation, or of its board of directors, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have power to receive and hold moneys in trust or on deposit, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and to allow such interest upon the same as may be obtained or agreed upon, and to loan any moneys in its hands for such interest as may be agreed upon, and to invest its capital stock and moneys in its hands in such bonds, obligations, or property, real, personal, or mixed, as it may deem prudent. Every person not under guardianship who may make a deposit personally with

said corporation may control, transfer, or withdraw the money so deposited, and the dividends or interest that have accrued or may accrue thereon, notwithstanding such person at the time of exercising such control or of making such transfer or withdrawal may be a minor.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, trustees, or guardians of the estate of any person, moneys in their hands, and to allow such rate of interest thereon as may be agreed upon; for which deposits, so made, the capital stock of said corporation shall be pledged, and such depositors shall be first indemnified in full, in case of loss, from such stock so pledged, in preference to all other creditors of said corporation.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, trustees, and guardians, bonds, notes, mortgages, certificates of stock, and other securities, as well as moneys, and to collect, pay over, or invest the dividends, income, interest, and profits thereof, according to the requirements of the trust upon which the said trust company shall have received the same. And said corporation shall be liable therefor, and its capital stock shall be pledged and holden therefor, in the same way and to the same extent as for moneys received by it under the provisions of the preceding section.

SEC. 6. Courts of probate are hereby authorized to appoint said corporation guardian of the estate only of any person who may be subject to guardianship; and said corporation may accept and act under such appointment: *Provided*, that said corporation shall not be authorized to act in any case as custodian, executor, administrator, or guardian, and no letters testamentary, of administration, or of guardianship shall be issued to said corporation, until its acceptance of the appointment and trust shall be filed and recorded in the probate court in which said appointment shall be made.

SEC. 7. In all cases in which said corporation shall receive and accept appointment as executor, administrator, or guardian of any estate, bonds shall be given by said corporation in the same manner as provided by law in the case of individuals so appointed.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall also have power to accept and execute all such trusts, and to hold in trust all such property, of every description, as may be committed to it by any person or persons, or by any government, or by any corporation, or by any court of this state, or by any state or federal court of the United States; and also to accept and execute the office and appointment of custodian, executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, or receiver of any kind or nature whatever, whether such office or appointment be conferred or made by any person or persons, or by any court of probate or other court; and the whole capital stock of said corporation shall be taken and considered as security required by law for the faithful performance of its duties as such executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, or receiver, and shall be absolutely liable in case of any default; and any court of probate in this state is hereby empowered, in its discretion, to appoint said corporation as custodian or administrator in any case within its jurisdiction, excepting upon the estate of a wife dying intestate.

SEC. 9. Said corporation shall also have power to receive and execute all trusts which may be created or transferred to it by the decree of any court, and to receive all moneys that may be deposited with it by any order of court, upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and every court into which moneys may be paid by parties to any proceeding therein, or may be brought by order or judgment, may by order direct the same to be deposited with said corporation.

SEC. 10. Said corporation shall not be required to assume or execute any trust without its own assent.

SEC. 11. Said corporation shall be required to deposit with the general treasurer of this state, in bonds of this state, or of the state of New York, or of some one of the New England states, or of the United States, or in bonds, notes, or other financial obligations of towns or cities in this state, or in bonds, notes, or other financial obligations of towns or cities in New England whose indebtedness does not exceed one-twentieth of its assessed valuation, or in securities of the classes in which the board of commissioners of sinking funds of



the state are now or hereafter may be authorized to invest the moneys received by them, an amount that shall be at all times equal to twenty per centum of the entire capital stock of said corporation, which bonds shall be held by said treasurer as a deposit to secure the faithful performance by said corporation of its duties as custodian, executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, or receiver, and also as a security for the repayment of moneys deposited with said corporation by custodians, executors, administrators, guardians, assignees, or receivers, or trustees on special agreement, and the parties intended hereby to be secured by such deposits shall, in case of loss, be first fully indemnified out of such deposit in preference to all other creditors of said corporation.

SEC. 12. Upon the receipt by said general treasurer of such deposit of securities from said corporation, said general treasurer shall give to said corporation a certificate of the fact and amount of such deposit. Said general treasurer shall at all times pay over to said corporation the interest or dividends which may be received upon such securities, and shall at all times permit said corporation, by its treasurer or other authorized agent, to receive all coupons on the same as they shall mature, and to collect for the use of said corporation all interest due thereon or on said bonds, however the same may be evidenced or secured; and shall also permit said corporation to retire any securities so deposited with him, on substituting therefor other securities of any or either of the classes mentioned above, to such an amount that the market value of the whole deposit shall not be less than the amount required by the provisions of the preceding section.

SEC. 13. Said corporation is also authorized and empowered to receive upon deposit and for safe keeping plate, jewelry, stocks, bonds, and property of every description upon terms to be prescribed by said corporation, also to construct, own, or lease vaults and safes and suitable places for the reception and deposit of such property, and to let the use of any of the same to individuals, firms, or corporations upon such terms as said corporation may prescribe, and said corporation

shall in no case incur any responsibility or liability on account of the deposit of any such property so made with them, or by reason of the hiring from them of any such places of deposit, other than such liability as said corporation shall directly assume in each case by the terms of the particular agreement, contract, or receipt under which it shall have accepted such deposit, or shall have let such places of deposit; but nothing in this section shall be construed as in any way to vary the liability of said corporation for any moneys which may be received to be managed by said corporation in the ordinary course of business and under the powers granted in this act.

SEC. 14. The said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Providence, and may locate branches within the state.

SEC. 15. Said corporation may go into liquidation by vote of the shareholders owning a majority of the capital stock, due notice of a meeting for this purpose being given to each shareholder in the manner provided by the by-laws of said corporation for the notices of annual or special meetings, and at such meeting the shareholders may appoint from their own number a committee with full power to liquidate and wind up the business affairs of the corporation.

SEC. 16. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MERCHANTS TRUST
COMPANY.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Fred W. Arnold, William G. Nightingale, Julius Palmer, and Edward P. Metcalf, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of Merchants Trust Company, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 179 of the General Laws and in any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, together with such

special powers as may be conferred upon said corporation by this act.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by the by-laws or vote of the corporation, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be assignable and transferable according to the by-laws and upon the books of said corporation, and not otherwise.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have power to receive and hold moneys in trust or on deposit, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and to allow such interest upon the same as may be obtained or agreed upon, and to loan any moneys in its hands for such interest as may be agreed upon, and to invest its capital stock and moneys in its hands in such bonds, obligations, or property, real, personal, or mixed, as it may deem prudent.

SEC. 4. Every person not under guardianship who may make a deposit personally with said corporation may control, transfer, or withdraw the money or securities so deposited, and the dividends or interest that have accrued or may accrue thereon, notwithstanding such person at the time of exercising such control or of making such transfer or withdrawal may be a minor.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, receivers, custodians, trustees, or guardians of the estate of any person, moneys in their hands, and to allow such rate of interest thereon as may be agreed upon; for which deposits so made the capital stock of said corporation shall be pledged, and such depositors shall be first indemnified in full, in case of loss, from such stock so pledged, in preference to all other creditors of said corporation.

SEC. 6. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, receivers, custodians, trustees and guardians, bonds, notes, mortgages, certificates of stock and other securities, as well as moneys, and to collect, pay over, or invest the divi-

dends, income, interest, and profits thereof, according to the requirements of the trust upon which the said trust company shall have received the same. And said corporation shall be liable therefor, and its capital stock shall be pledged and holden therefor, in the same way and to the same extent as for moneys received by it under the provisions of the next preceding section.

SEC. 7. Courts of probate are hereby authorized to appoint said corporation guardian or custodian of the estate only of any person who may be subject to guardianship, and said corporation may accept and act under such appointment: *Provided*, that said corporation shall not be authorized to act in any case as executor, administrator, guardian, or custodian, and no letters testamentary, of administration, guardianship, or of custodianship shall be issued to said corporation, until its acceptance of the appointment and trust shall be filed and recorded in the probate court in which said appointment shall be made.

SEC. 8. In all cases in which said corporation shall receive and accept an appointment as an executor, administrator, guardian, or custodian of any estate, bonds shall be given by said corporation in the same manner as provided by law in case of individuals so appointed.

SEC. 9. Said corporation shall also have power to accept and execute all such trusts, and to hold in trust all such property of every description, as may be committed to it by any person or persons, or by any corporation, or by any court of this state or of the United States; and also to accept and execute the office and appointment of executors, administrators, custodians, guardians, assignees, or receivers of any kind or nature whatever, whether such office or appointment be conferred or made by any person or persons, or by any court of probate, or other court; and the whole capital stock of said corporation shall be taken and considered as security required by law for the faithful performance of its duties as such executor, administrator, custodian, guardian, assignee, or receiver, and shall be absolutely liable in case of any default; and any court of probate in this state is hereby empowered, in its discretion, to appoint said corporation as adminis-

trator in any case within its jurisdiction, excepting upon the estate of a wife dying intestate.

SEC. 10. Said corporation shall also have power to receive and execute all trusts which may be created or transferred to it by the decree of any court, and to receive all moneys that may be deposited with it by any order of court, upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and every court into which moneys may be paid by parties to any proceeding therein, or may be brought by order or judgment, may by order direct the same to be deposited with said corporation.

SEC. 11. Said corporation shall not be required to assume or execute any trust without its own assent.

SEC. 12. Said corporation may issue certificates for the amount of all moneys deposited with it in trust or otherwise, which shall be assignable and transferable under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the directors.

SEC. 13. Said corporation shall be required to deposit with the general treasurer of this state, in bonds of this state, or of the state of New York, or some one of the New England States, or of the United States, or in bonds or notes of any town, city, or district in New England whose indebtedness does not exceed one-fifth of its assessed valuation, an amount that shall be at all times equal in market value to twenty per cent. of the outstanding capital stock of said corporation, which bonds and notes shall be held by said treasurer as a deposit to secure the faithful performance by said corporation of its duties as executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, custodian, or receiver, and also as a security for the repayment of moneys deposited with said corporation by executors, administrators, guardians, assignees, custodians, receivers, or trustees on special agreement; and the parties intended hereby to be secured by such deposit shall, in case of loss, be first fully indemnified out of such deposit, in preference to all other creditors of said corporation.

SEC. 14. Upon receipt by said general treasurer of such deposit of bonds or notes from said corporation said general treasurer shall give to said corporation a certificate of the fact and amount of such de-

posit. Said general treasurer shall at all times pay over to said corporation the interest which may be received upon such bonds and notes, and shall at all times permit said corporation, by its treasurer or other authorized agent, to receive all coupons on the same as they shall mature, and to collect for the use of said corporation all interest due thereon, or on said bonds or notes, however the same may be evidenced or secured; and shall also permit said corporation to retire any bond or note so deposited with him on substituting therefor other bonds or notes of any or either of the classes mentioned above to such an amount that the market value of the whole deposit shall not be less than the amount required by the provisions of the next preceding section.

SEC. 15. Said corporation may take, purchase, hold, sell, convey, lease, or improve property or estates of any kind, either real or personal, and to do and perform all such matters and things as are connected therewith or are incidental to the powers hereby conferred.

SEC. 16. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Providence, and may locate branches within this state.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PAWTUCKET TRUST COMPANY.

Passed April
15, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Charles E. Chandler, George A. Schuyler, and Peter J. Quinn, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of Pawtucket Trust Company, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapters 177 and 179 of the General Laws and in any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, together with such special powers as may be conferred upon said corporation by this act.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall

be a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by the by-laws or vote of the corporation, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be assignable and transferable according to the by-laws of said corporation, and not otherwise. The stockholders of said corporation shall be personally and individually liable for all debts due from said corporation to the amount at their par value of the shares held by them in addition to the amount invested in such shares: *Provided*, that the corporation shall be first sued and the corporate property first exhausted in the payment of the debts of the corporation.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have power to receive and hold moneys and other property, real, personal, or mixed, in trust or on deposit, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and to allow such interest upon such moneys as may be obtained or agreed upon; to loan any moneys in its hands on real or personal securities or otherwise for such interest as may be agreed upon, and to invest its capital stock and moneys in its hands in such bonds, obligations, or property, real, personal, or mixed, as it may deem prudent; and in that connection and for such purposes as it may require, to lease, hold, purchase, and convey any and all real property necessary in the transaction of its business, or which it shall acquire in satisfaction or partial satisfaction of debts due the corporation under sales, judgments, or mortgages, or any settlement or partial settlement of debts due the corporation by any of its debtors. Every person not under guardianship who may make a deposit personally in said corporation may control, transfer, or withdraw the money or securities so deposited, and the dividends or interest which have accrued or may accrue thereon, notwithstanding such person at the time of exercising such control or of making such transfer or withdrawal may be a minor.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, receivers, custodians, trustees, or guardians, moneys in their hands, and to allow such rate of interest thereon as may be

agreed upon; for which deposits so made the capital stock of said corporation shall be pledged, and such depositors shall be first indemnified in full, in case of loss, from such stock so pledged, in preference to all other creditors of such corporation.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall have power to receive from executors, administrators, assignees, receivers, custodians, trustees and guardians, bonds, notes, mortgages, certificates of stocks, and other securities, as well as moneys, and to collect, pay over, or invest the dividends, income, interest, and profits thereof, according to the requirements of the trust upon which the said trust company shall have received the same. And said corporation shall be liable therefor, and its capital stock shall be pledged and holden therefor, in the same way and to the same extent as for moneys received by it under the provisions of the preceding section.

SEC. 6. Courts of probate are hereby authorized to appoint said corporation guardian or custodian of the estate only of any person who may be subject to guardianship; and said corporation may accept and act under such appointment: *Provided*, that said corporation shall not be authorized to act in any case as executor, administrator, guardian, or custodian, and no letters testamentary, of administration, guardianship, or of custodianship shall be issued to said corporation, until its acceptance of the appointment and trust shall be filed and recorded in the probate court in which said appointment shall be made.

SEC. 7. In all cases in which said corporation shall receive and accept appointment as executor, administrator, guardian, or custodian of any estate, bonds shall be given by said corporation in the same manner as provided by law in the case of individuals so appointed.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall also have power to accept and execute all such trusts, and to hold in trust all such moneys and property of every description, real, personal, and mixed (including bonds, certificates of stock, and other evidences of indebtedness), as may be committed to it by any state (including this state), body politic (including the United States and every

territory and district thereof), municipality, corporation, person or persons, or by any court of this or any other state, or of the United States; or of any territory or district thereof; and also to accept and execute the office and appointment of executor, administrator, custodian, guardian, assignee, trustee, or receiver of any kind or nature whatever, whether such office or appointment be conferred or made by any person or persons, state (including this state), body politic (including the United States or any territory or district thereof), municipality, or other corporation, or by any court of probate, or other court; and the whole capital stock of said corporation shall be taken and considered as security required by law for the faithful performance of its duties as such executor, administrator, custodian, guardian, assignee, trustee, or receiver, and shall be absolutely liable in case of any default; and any court of probate in this state is hereby empowered in its discretion to appoint said corporation as administrator in any case within its jurisdiction, excepting upon the estate of a wife dying intestate.

• SEC. 9. Said corporation shall also have power to receive and execute all trusts which may be created or transferred to it by the decree of any court, and to receive all moneys which may be deposited with it by any order of court, upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and every court into which moneys may be paid by parties to any proceeding therein, or may be brought by order or judgment, may by order direct the same to be deposited with said corporation.

SEC. 10. Said corporation shall not be required to assume or execute any trust without its own assent.

SEC. 11. Said corporation may issue certificates for the amount of all moneys deposited with it in trust, or otherwise, which shall be assignable and transferable under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the directors.

SEC. 12. Said corporation shall, before accepting the office and appointment of executor, administrator, custodian, guardian, assignee, trustee or receiver, and before accepting deposits from executors, administrators, custodians, guardians, assignees, trustees or re-

ceivers, and before assuming or executing any trust, be required to deposit with the general treasurer of this state, in bonds of this state, or of the state of New York, or of some one of the New England States, or of the United States, or in bonds or notes of any town or city in New England whose indebtedness does not exceed one-twentieth of its assessed valuation, an amount that shall be at all times equal in market value to twenty per cent. of the outstanding capital stock of said corporation, which bonds and notes shall be held by said treasurer as a deposit to secure the faithful performance by said corporation of its duties as executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, custodian, or receiver, and also as a security for the repayment of moneys deposited with said corporation by executors, administrators, guardians, assignees, custodians, or receivers, or trustees, on special agreement, and the parties intended hereby to be secured by such deposit shall, in case of loss, be first fully indemnified out of such deposit, in preference to all other creditors of such corporation.

SEC. 13. Upon the receipt by said general treasurer of such deposit of bonds or notes from said corporation, said general treasurer shall give to said corporation a certificate of the fact and amount of such deposit. Said general treasurer shall at all times pay over to said corporation the interest which may be received on such bonds and notes, and shall at all times permit said corporation, by its treasurer or other authorized agent, to receive all coupons on the same as they shall mature, and to collect for the use of said corporation all interest due thereon or on said bonds or notes, however the same may be evidenced or secured; and shall also permit said corporation to retire any bond or note so deposited with him on substituting therefor other bonds or notes, of any or either of the classes mentioned above, to such an amount that the market value of the whole deposit shall not be less than the amount required by the provisions of the preceding section.

SEC. 14. Said corporation may take, purchase, hold, sell, convey, lease, or improve property or estates of

any kind, either real or personal, and is also authorized and empowered to receive upon deposit and for safe keeping plate, jewelry, stocks, bonds, and property of every description, upon terms to be prescribed by said corporation; also to construct, own, or lease vaults and safes and suitable places for the reception and deposit of such property, and to let the use of any of the same to individuals, firms, or corporations upon such terms as said corporation may prescribe; and said corporation shall in no case incur any responsibility or liability on account of the deposit of any such property so made with them, or by reason of the hiring from them of any such places of deposit, other than such liability as said corporation shall directly assume in each case by the terms of the particular agreement, contract, or receipt under which it shall have accepted such deposit, or shall have let such places of deposit; but nothing in this section shall be construed as in any way to vary the liability of said corporation for any moneys which may be received to be managed by said corporation in the ordinary course of business and under the powers granted in this act.

SEC. 15. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Pawtucket, and may have other offices and branches in said Pawtucket and elsewhere within the state.

SEC. 16. Said corporation may go into liquidation and be dissolved by the vote of its shareholders owning a majority of its capital stock, due notice of a meeting for this purpose being given to each shareholder in the manner provided by the by-laws of said corporation for the notices of annual or special meetings.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SECURITY AND TRUST
COMPANY.Passed April
7, 1903.*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. David J. White, Arthur W. Joyce, and Harry G. Mosher, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the Security and Trust Company, for the purpose of doing a general brokerage and insurance business, and of buying, acquiring, holding, using, managing, negotiating, improving, leasing, mortgaging, selling, and conveying real estate, chattel interests in realty and leasehold estates, and personal estate, and stocks and bonds of other corporations for investment purposes, and the same to dispose of at pleasure ; to issue its own bonds, notes, debentures, and other obligations and securities, and to guarantee the bonds, stocks, notes, mortgages, contracts, and obligations of others, whether corporations, co-partnerships, or individuals ; the loaning or otherwise investing its capital and moneys, and the investing of such funds as may be placed with it by others for that purpose, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and the transaction of any other business connected therewith or incidental thereto, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and in any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto : *Provided, however,* that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to authorize said corporation to do a banking business, except so far as the same may be necessary for the conduct of its own proper business.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time as may be determined by the by-laws or vote of the corporation, and shall be divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, said shares to be assignable and transferable according to the by-laws of said corporation, and not otherwise. Said shares of stock may be issued in two classes, common and preferred, and if

preferred stock be issued the board of directors shall have the power to determine upon what terms and conditions said preferred stock shall be issued, and what advantages, if any, it shall possess over the common stock, except that said preferred stock, if any, shall have no voting power.

SEC. 3. The corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, to consist of not less than three persons, all of whom shall be stockholders, and the by-laws of said corporation shall provide and set out the powers of the said board in conformity with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. Every conveyance of land made by said corporation shall be under its seal, executed by its treasurer, and in such conveyance said corporation may warrant title to the purchaser of the property thereby conveyed against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatever.

SEC. 5. No stockholder shall sell his stock unless he shall first offer the same in writing to the corporation at the lowest price for which he is willing to sell the same, and ten days shall be allowed the corporation within which to accept or decline such offer.

SEC. 6. The stock or shares of every stockholder shall be pledged and liable to the corporation for all debts and demands due and owing from such stockholder to the corporation, whether arising from assessments, or installments, or in any other manner, and whether overdue or due at a day future, and said stock or shares may be sold for the payment of such debts or demands in such manner as the by-laws of said corporation may prescribe, and in case the proceeds of such sale shall be insufficient to discharge such debts or demands with the incidental expenses of sale, the corporation may have its action against the debtor for the balance due.

SEC. 7. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Providence.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNION TRUST COMPANY.

Passed April
15, 1903.*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

SECTION 1. The capital stock of the Union Trust Company is hereby fixed at a sum not exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, to be fixed from time to time by said corporation by vote thereof, but never exceeding said permissive amount. Said capital stock shall be divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON BANKING
COMPANY.Passed April
17, 1903.*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

SECTION 1. Walter D. Peck, Alvin A. Jewell, and William H. Chase, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of Boston Banking Company, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapters 177 and 179 of the General Laws and in any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, together with such special powers as may be conferred upon said corporation by this act.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by the by-laws or vote of the corporation, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be assignable and transferable according to the by-laws of said corporation, and not otherwise.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have power to receive and hold moneys on deposit, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and to allow such interest upon such moneys as may be obtained or agreed

upon; to loan any moneys in its hands on real or personal security or otherwise for such interest as may be agreed upon, and to invest its capital stock and moneys in its hands in such bonds, obligations, or other personal property as it may deem prudent. Every person not under guardianship who may make a deposit personally in said corporation may control, transfer, or withdraw the money or security so deposited, and the dividends or interest which have accrued or may accrue thereon, notwithstanding such person at the time of exercising such control or of making such transfer or withdrawal may be a minor.

SEC. 4. Said corporation may issue certificates for the amount of all moneys deposited with it, which shall be assignable and transferable under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the directors.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall have power to loan money on, purchase, acquire, receive, sell, own, hold, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or assign bonds, mortgages, debentures, notes, shares of capital stock and other securities or obligations, contracts, and evidences of indebtedness of any person, firm, or corporation, including bonds or other securities of the United States or any state thereof, or of any foreign country; to receive, collect, and dispose of interest, dividends, and income upon, of, and from any of the bonds, mortgages, debentures, notes, shares of capital stock, securities, obligations, contracts, evidences of indebtedness and other property held or owned by it, and to exercise in respect of all such bond, mortgages, debentures, notes, shares of capital stock, securities, obligations, contracts, evidence of indebtedness and other property, any and all the rights, powers, and privileges of individual owners thereof, including the right to vote thereon; to borrow money, to make and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, letters of credit, orders, bonds, debentures, obligations, and evidences of indebtedness of all kinds, without limit as to amount, and secure the same by mortgages, pledge, or otherwise, to loan money on, purchase, lease, and otherwise acquire the good will, property, patent rights or other rights and assets of any person, firm, association,

or corporation, and to pay for the same in cash, stock, bonds of this corporation, or otherwise; and to enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every sort and kind, with any person, firm, association, or corporation, private or public, incidental or necessary for the aforesaid purposes.

SEC. 6. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Woonsocket in the state of Rhode Island, and may have other offices and branches in any city or cities in any other state or territory of the United States.

SEC. 7. Said corporation may go into liquidation and be dissolved by the vote of its shareholders owning a majority of its capital stock, due notice of a meeting for this purpose being given to each shareholder in the manner provided by the by-laws of said corporation for the notices of annual or special meetings.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK OF WOONSOCKET," PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, A. D. 1857, AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

Passed March
12, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The amount which the Peoples Savings Bank of Woonsocket is authorized to receive and retain under its management at any one time may be increased to, but shall not exceed, the sum of three million dollars.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed March
27, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PRODUCERS SAVINGS BANK OF WOONSOCKET," PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, A. D. 1868, AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The amount which the Producers Savings Bank of Woonsocket is authorized to receive and retain under its management at any one time may be increased to, but shall not exceed, the sum of three million dollars.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MUTUAL CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. John D. Turner, Thomas A. Congdon, John Moroney, Abraham Hassel, Christian O. Ostby, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate by the name of The Mutual Co-operative Building and Loan Association, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapters 177 and 188 of the General Laws and any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, together with such special powers as may be conferred on said corporation by this act.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, to be paid in or accumulated as authorized by Chapter 188 of the General Laws. Twenty-five hundred of said shares may be issued as permanent stock to found a guaranty fund, and said shares may be paid in or accumulated in installments; and said guaranty fund may be applied toward the payment of the expenses, debts, and losses of said corporation.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have the power to carry on a savings and loan or investment business on the building society plan; to purchase, acquire, hold, manage, improve, lease, mortgage, sell, convey, real estate and notes, stocks and bonds, and other securities; to loan money on negotiable or non-negotiable notes or bonds secured by first mortgage upon real estate; to make and issue its bonds and to transact all other business connected therewith or incidental thereto. But nothing in this act shall be deemed or taken to authorize said corporation to do a banking business of any kind, except so far as the same may be necessary to carry on its business as a co-operative building and loan association.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall not use more than one-half of the amount received in payment on stock and bonds in any month to pay withdrawals or in redemption of stocks or bonds, without the consent of the board of directors, but shall pay them from the receipts of the succeeding months in regular order.

SEC. 5. The stock or shares of every stockholder shall be pledged and liable to the corporation for all the debts and demands due and owing from such stockholder to said corporation. Any stockholder desiring to sell his personal stock shall first offer the same in writing to the corporation at the lowest price for which he will sell the same, and the corporation shall have ten days in which to accept the offer. Every stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock owned by him not in arrears.

SEC. 6. Said corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Providence.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed March
24, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE OLD COLONY CO-OPERATIVE BANK," PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1895.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Old Colony Co-operative Bank," passed at the January session, A. D. 1895, as amended by act passed at the January session, A. D. 1898, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, to be issued and accumulated or paid in as authorized by said act passed at said January session, A. D. 1895."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Willam A. Granville, Luther A. Weigle, Frederick F. Norman, and John D. Turner, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created and constituted a corporation by the name of The American Casualty Insurance Company, for the purpose of effecting insurance against accident, loss of health, loss occasioned by liability for damages to an employee or any other person, damage or loss to or occasioned by steam boilers, plate glass, and elevators, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapters 177 and 181 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each,

transferable only on the books of the corporation in conformity with its by-laws; and the amount of such stock shall be fixed from time to time by vote of the corporation.

SEC. 3. There shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders of said corporation in the city of Providence, at such time and place as may be designated by the by-laws, for the choice of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them, and all officers once elected may hold their offices respectively till others are elected in their stead. In the election of officers and in all other questions, every stockholder of record in the corporation shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him, and such vote may be given in person or by proxy.

SEC. 4. The board of directors of the corporation is authorized to delegate to an executive committee, to be by them appointed, of their own number such of their own powers as may be deemed expedient for the prompt and advantageous management of the business.

SEC. 5. No policy of insurance shall be issued until the capital stock actually paid in shall amount to the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 6. The corporation shall have an office in the city of Providence, state of Rhode Island.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEWPORT INSURANCE
COMPANY.

Passed April
9, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Frank A. Colley, Thomas E. Clary, Frank H. Bates, Henry N. Bates, and their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic by the name of Newport Insurance Company, for insuring against loss or damage to property by fire, lightning, or tempest, or other causes, whether on land or sea, and for all other purposes incidental thereto and connected therewith; with all the powers and privileges and subject

to the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws, and the fire and marine insurance laws of Rhode Island, and in all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by the vote of the board of directors, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. The corporation shall have the power to hold, buy, and sell the capital stock, bonds, and other property of persons, firms, or corporations engaged in kindred or similar lines of business.

SEC. 4. The corporation shall have an office or place of business in the city of Providence.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed Feb. 24,
1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE NEW ENGLAND TOWING AND
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY OF RHODE ISLAND.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Robert B. Treat, John B. Allen, and Dexter B. Potter, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate under the name of New England Towing and Transportation Company of Rhode Island, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities applicable to corporations set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, with power to buy, sell, build, own, charter, lease, run, manage, repair, and operate barges, towboats, vessels, steamboats, steamships, lighters, and every kind and sort of steam and sailing craft for the transportation of freight and for the purpose of engaging in foreign and domestic trade and in the transportation of coal and all other articles and commodities.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars, and may be

fixed from time to time as the stockholders may by vote determine. The stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. Said corporation is authorized to issue bonds in any sum and sums not exceeding one million dollars, and said bonds shall be of such denominations and shall be issued on such terms and conditions as the board of directors may determine, and the payment thereof shall be secured by mortgage (made to some trustee or trustees) on the property of said company, its towboats, vessels, steamboats, steamships, lighters, and all and every kind of its estate and possessions.

SEC. 4. The stock or shares of each stockholder shall be pledged and held liable for all debts and demands of every nature due or owing from the owner thereof to said corporation, and whether the same shall be overdue or payable at a future date, and whether arising from installments, assessments, or otherwise howsoever; said stock or shares so pledged or holden or any part thereof may at any time or from time to time be sold for the payment of any such debts and demands in such manner as the by-laws of the corporation may prescribe, and in case the proceeds of such sale are not sufficient to pay and discharge such debt or demands, with incidental expenses, the corporation may have its action against such delinquent stockholder for the balance due.

SEC. 5. No stockholder shall sell any of his stock to any other party without first giving to the corporation the right to purchase the same at the lowest price at which he is willing to sell, and the corporations shall within ten days from such offer exercise the right to purchase the stock so offered.

SEC. 6. Said corporation shall have an office and place of business in the city of Providence.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed March
18, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE MANUFACTURERS FUEL COMPANY OF RHODE ISLAND.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Robert B. Treat, John B. Allen, and Dexter B. Potter, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created and made a body corporate under the name of Manufacturers Fuel Company of Rhode Island, with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, with power to buy, ship, transport, handle, store, deal in and to sell bituminous, anthracite, and all other kinds of coal used for fuel; to buy, hold, and improve real estate and other property to such extent and in such amounts as may be necessary in the transaction of its business (in the discretion of said company), and again to sell the same, and to do all things incidental to said business and connected therewith.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars, and may be fixed from time to time as the stockholders may by vote determine. The stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. Said corporation is authorized to issue bonds in any sum or sums not exceeding one million dollars, and said bonds shall be of such denominations and shall be issued on such terms and conditions as the board of directors may determine, and the payment thereof shall be secured by mortgage (made to some trustee or trustees) on the property of said company, its lands, tenements, hereditaments, franchises, and privileges, and of all other property, appurtenances, and improvements of every kind belonging to or used in connection with its property and business.

SEC. 4. The stock or shares of each stockholder shall be pledged and held liable for all its debts and demands of every nature due or owing from the owner thereof to said corporation, and whether the same shall be overdue or payable at a future date, and whether

arising from installments, assessments, or otherwise howsoever; said stock or shares so pledged or holden, or any part thereof, may at any time or from time to time be sold for the payment of any such debts and demands in such manner as the by-laws of the corporation may prescribe, and in case the proceeds of such sale are not sufficient to pay and discharge such debts and demands with incidental expenses, the corporation may have its action against such stockholder for the balance due.

SEC. 5. No stockholder shall sell any of his stock to any other party without first giving to the corporation the right to purchase the same at the lowest price at which he is willing to sell, and the corporation shall, within ten days from such offer, exercise the right to purchase the stock so offered.

SEC. 6. Said corporation shall have a place of business in the city of Providence.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "ACT TO INCORPORATE 'THE GREEN DYEING AND FINISHING COMPANY,'" PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, A. D. 1887, AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

Passed April
16, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of an act to incorporate the Green Dyeing and Finishing Company, passed at the May session, A. D. 1887, and of the several amendments thereto, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and may be fixed from time to time by vote of the corporation, and shall be divided into such number of shares, and of such par value per share, as shall be prescribed from time to time by vote of the corporation."

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed April
15, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TILLINGHAST-STYLES COMPANY," PASSED JUNE 3, 1892.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate 'The Tillinghast-Styles Company,'" is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, and to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. Said shares shall be transferred in such manner as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of said corporation, but no stockholder who may wish to dispose of his stock shall be allowed to transfer any share or shares of the capital stock in said corporation without first giving the refusal of the same to the corporation at the price for which he is willing to sell."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SILVER SPRING BLEACHING AND DYEING COMPANY," AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The capital stock of the Silver Spring Bleaching & Dyeing Company shall be a sum not exceeding one million two hundred thousand dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by vote of the stockholders at a meeting called for that purpose, and to be divided into shares of the par value of five

hundred dollars each. Of said capital stock eight hundred shares of the par value of four hundred thousand dollars may be preferred stock and the remainder shall be common stock.

SEC. 2. The holders of such preferred stock shall be entitled to receive out of the surplus or net earnings of the corporation dividends at the rate of six per centum per annum, and no more, payable quarterly or semi-annually on dates to be fixed by the by-laws; and if in any year the surplus or the net earnings shall not suffice to pay such dividend, said dividend shall be cumulative and payable from the net earnings of any subsequent year but without interest. The said dividends and accumulations thereof shall have priority over dividends on the common stock, and no dividend shall be declared or paid on the common stock unless all cumulative dividends on the preferred stock for previous years and the accrued quarterly or semi-annual dividends on the preferred stock for the current year shall have been set apart or paid. After payment of dividends as aforesaid on the preferred stock, holders of the common stock shall be entitled to receive all the remaining dividends from time to time declared and paid out of the surplus or net earnings of the corporation. In case of liquidation or distribution of the assets of the corporation, the holders of preferred stock shall receive the par value of their shares and the accrued dividends unpaid thereon before any amount shall be paid to the holders of the common stock; and after payment to the holders of the preferred stock of its par value and the accrued dividends unpaid thereon, the remaining assets shall be divided and paid to the holders of the common stock according to their respective shares.

SEC. 3. Section 3 of said act to incorporate the Silver Spring Bleaching & Dyeing Company and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed March
26, 1903.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NARRAGANSETT MACHINE
COMPANY TO INCREASE ITS CAPITAL STOCK.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The Narragansett Machine Company, established by an act of the general assembly, passed at the May session, 1868, and the several acts in amendment thereof, is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate three hundred thousand dollars and to issue said increase, to wit: \$100,000 as second preferred stock. The shares of second preferred stock shall be for \$100 each and shall not be issued for less than the par value thereof; and such shares shall be redeemable after October, 1906, at 105 per cent. upon six months' notice by the corporation, given to the holders thereof on the first day of October of any year. The holders of such second preferred stock shall be entitled to receive from the net earnings of said company at such times as the directors shall determine, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, after the payment of the dividends to which the holders of the first preferred stock are entitled, but said holders of second preferred stock shall not be entitled to vote unless dividends are in arrears for two years, and then only until such dividends in arrears are fully paid up; and if the net earnings of any one year shall be insufficient, after paying the dividends on the first preferred seven per cent. stock, to pay such dividend of six per cent. on the said six per cent. second preferred stock, the said six per cent. dividends shall be cumulative and payable after the payment of the said seven per cent. dividends out of the surplus of the net earnings of subsequent years, but without interest. The said six per cent. dividends shall have priority over dividends on the common stock, and no dividends of profits shall be paid on the common stock of said company so long as there is any arrears of dividends unpaid on either of said classes of preferred stock. In case of the liquidation or winding up of the affairs of said company, said second preferred stock shall have priority over the common stock,

and the holders of such preferred stock shall be entitled to receive the full par value of the same with all accumulations of unpaid dividends out of any assets of said company before any payment is made upon the common stock of said company.

SEC. 2. The increase of stock by this act authorized may be issued at such time as the board of directors of said company may determine.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE JOSLIN MANUFACTURING COMPANY," PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, 1892, AND OF AN ACT IN AMENDMENT THEREOF, PASSED AT THE SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1899.

Passed Feb. 24,
1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Joslin Manufacturing Company," passed at the May session, 1892, and amended at the September session, 1899; is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one million dollars, and shall be divided into ten thousand shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. Of such total authorized capital stock, five thousand shares, amounting to five hundred thousand dollars, shall be preferred stock, and five thousand shares, amounting to five hundred thousand dollars, shall be common stock. All of said shares shall be transferred in such manner as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of said corporation."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of said acts is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The holders of the preferred stock shall be entitled to receive, when and as declared, from the surplus or net profits of the corporation, yearly dividends at the rate of six per centum per annum and no more, payable quarterly on dates to be fixed by the by-laws. The dividends on the preferred stock shall

be cumulative, and shall be payable before any dividend on the common stock shall be paid or set apart; so that, if in any year dividends amounting to six per centum shall not have been paid thereon, the deficiency shall be payable before any dividends shall be paid upon or set apart for the common stock.

"Whenever all cumulative dividends on the preferred stock for all previous years shall have been declared, and shall have become payable, and the accrued quarterly installments for the current year shall have been declared, and the company shall have paid such cumulative dividends for previous years and such accrued quarterly installments, or shall have set aside from its surplus or net profits a sum sufficient for the payment thereof, the board of directors may declare dividends on the common stock, payable then or thereafter, out of any remaining surplus or net profits.

"In the event of any liquidation or dissolution or winding up (whether voluntary or involuntary) of the corporation, the holders of the preferred stock shall be entitled to be paid in full, both the par amount of their shares and the unpaid dividends, if any, accrued thereon, before any amount shall be paid to the holders of the common stock; and, after the payment to the holders of the preferred stock of its par value and the unpaid accrued dividends, if any there be, thereon, the remaining assets and funds shall be divided and paid to the holders of the common stock *pro rata* according to their respective shares."

SEC. 3. Section 4 of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. There shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders of said corporation in the city of Providence, at such time as the by-laws shall prescribe, for the choice of officers and for such other business as shall come before them; but the failure to hold such annual meeting shall not impair the rights of said corporation or the stockholders thereof. At all meetings of the stockholders, the holders of common stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held by them; but the holders of preferred stock shall not be entitled to any vote on account of any such

preferred stock at any meeting of the stockholders of said corporation."

SEC. 4. Section 5 of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Said corporation shall have an office and counting room in the city of Providence."

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PAWTUCKET BAKING COMPANY," PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, 1885.

Passed April
16, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The Pawtucket Baking Company, a corporation created by act of the general assembly, passed at the May session, 1885, is hereby authorized to issue as preferred stock so much of its capital stock which has not yet been issued as the board of directors of said corporation may from time to time determine. The holders of such preferred stock shall be entitled to receive from the net earnings of said company dividends at such times and in such amounts as the said board of directors may determine at the time when such preferred stock is issued, and if the net earnings in any one year shall not suffice to pay such dividends then said dividends shall be cumulative and payable out of the net earnings of any subsequent year, but without interest. Such dividends shall have priority over dividends on the common stock of said company, and no dividends shall be paid on the common stock so long as there is any arrear of dividends unpaid on said preferred stock. Said corporation shall have the right at any time after five years from the date of the issue of such preferred stock, and after all dividends and arrears of dividends thereon shall have been paid, to redeem the whole or any part or parts of such preferred stock at par. Owners of preferred stock issued under the authority of this act shall have the same rights of voting and transfer as are enjoyed by the owners of common stock, and said preferred stock shall

be reckoned with the common stock in all questions of majorities and quorums.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE EASTON BEACH COMPANY."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The said Easton's Beach Company, in addition to the powers heretofore granted, may acquire, own, lease, and hold any real estate and personal property necessary or convenient for its purposes, and may maintain bath houses, bathing establishments, and restaurants, and may provide in connection therewith accommodations and amusements and may buy and sell any articles or merchandise whatsoever, and may do any and all things incident or related to any of said purposes, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws, of any acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of the said corporation shall be not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and shall be fixed from time to time and divided into such numbers of shares as the corporation shall determine.

SEC. 3. Section 2 of said act to incorporate the Easton's Beach Company is hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed March
26, 1903.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WOONSOCKET ELECTRIC MACHINE AND POWER COMPANY TO ISSUE BONDS," PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1897.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of an act entitled "An act authorizing the Woonsocket Electric Machine and

Power Company to issue bonds," passed at the January session, A. D. 1897, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. In addition to the powers heretofore granted the Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power Company, said corporation may from time to time issue bonds and secure the same by a mortgage or mortgages on all or any part of its real estate, personal property, and franchises, whether acquired prior to the date of the said mortgage or mortgages or subsequent thereto, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars outstanding at any one time, and may use the said bonds or the proceeds thereof for the purpose of purchasing property or for the construction, extension, and maintenance of its works, or for the purpose of paying or refunding its bonded debt or any debts or obligations which the said corporation has incurred or assumed or may hereafter incur or assume in acquiring and purchasing any property."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WOONSOCKET ELECTRIC MACHINE AND POWER COMPANY TO ISSUE PREFERRED STOCK.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power Company, a corporation created by the general assembly, is hereby authorized to issue one hundred thousand dollars of preferred stock divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. The holders of such preferred stock shall be entitled to receive from the net earnings of the corporation dividends at the rate of five per centum per annum at such times and in such amounts as the stockholders of the company may, from time to time, by by-law or vote determine; and if the net earnings in any one year shall not suffice to pay such dividends, the said dividends shall be cumulative and payable out of the net

earnings of any subsequent year, but without interest. The said dividends shall have priority over dividends on the common stock of said company, and no dividend shall be paid on the common stock so long as there is any arrear of dividends unpaid on the said preferred stock.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MILLER IRON COMPANY," AND THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The Miller Iron Company is hereby authorized to purchase, or otherwise to acquire, and dispose of shares of stock of other corporations doing business in the state of Rhode Island: *Provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall authorize said company to do a banking or brokerage business.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

Passed March
12, 1903.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE PENDENCY OF THE PETITION OF THE WESTERLY AND HOPKINTON RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE PASSAGE OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WESTERLY AND HOPKINTON RAILWAY COMPANY,'" PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1902.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Notice of the pendency of the petition of the Westerly and Hopkinton Railway Company for the passage of an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Westerly and Hopkinton Railway Com-

pany,'” passed at the January session, A. D. 1902, shall be given by the petitioners therefor in three or more successive issues of some newspaper published in the city of Providence and in one or more issues of some newspaper published in the county of Washington, and such notice shall set forth the purposes of said act.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, in so far as the same apply to this act or to said act entitled “An act to incorporate the Westerly and Hopkinton Railway Company,” passed at the January session, A. D. 1902, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE PENDENCY OF THE PETITION OF THOMAS F. WALSH AND OTHERS FOR THE PASSAGE OF AN ACT ENTITLED “AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SEA VIEW RAILROAD COMPANY.”

Passed April
7, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Notice of the pendency of the petition of the Sea View Railroad Company for the passage of an act entitled “An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the Sea View Railroad Company” shall be given by the petitioners therefor in three or more successive issues of some newspaper published in the city of Providence and in one or more issues of some newspaper published in the county of Washington, and such notice shall specify the purpose of such amendment and the towns where the franchises sought by said corporation are to be acquired.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, in so far as the same apply to this act or to said “Act in amendment of an act to incorporate the Sea View Railroad Company,” are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed April
10, 1908.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE PENDENCY OF THE PETITION OF ANDREW J. CURRIER AND OTHERS FOR THE PASSAGE OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VALLEY FALLS & FRANKLIN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Notice of the pendency of the petition of Andrew J. Currier and others for the passage of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Valley Falls & Franklin Street Railway Company" shall be given by the petitioners therefor in three or more successive issues of some newspaper published in the city of Providence and in the city of Pawtucket, after presentation of said act; and such notice shall contain a general statement of the purposes of said corporation, the place where it is intended to be established, and the town where the franchises of said corporation are to be acquired.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, in so far as the same apply to this act, are repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed April
8, 1903.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE PENDENCY OF THE PETITION OF JAMES H. HILL AND OTHERS FOR THE PASSAGE OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE COVENTRY TELEPHONE COMPANY."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Notice of the pendency of the petition of James H. Hill and others for the passage of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Coventry Telephone Company" shall be given by the petitioners therefor in five or more successive issues of some newspaper published in the city of Providence and in five or more successive issues of some newspaper published in the county of Kent, and such notice shall specify the purpose of such corporation, the place where it is

intended to be established, and the towns where the franchises of said corporation are to be acquired.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, in so far as the same apply to this act or to said "Act to incorporate the Coventry Telephone Company," are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE "ANN MARY BROWN
MEMORIAL," OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Passed March
25, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Rush C. Hawkins, John Carter Brown, William C. Poland, Harold P. Waterman, Francesco E. DeWolf, Daniel Beckwith, and John Carter Brown Woods, and their successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the "Ann Mary Brown Memorial," with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be a charitable corporation for the purpose of maintaining and preserving a museum collection, for the benefit of the public, to consist of works of plastic and pictorial art, books, and engravings illustrating the early history of printing and woodcutting and autograph letters. Its museum and collection shall be open to the public at such times and subject to such restorations as may be found expedient. For the promotion of a better knowledge of the "fine arts" among the people, at least three public lectures shall be given in each year.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall be located in the city of Providence.

SEC. 4. Said corporation is authorized to take, hold, and transmit real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of pictures, engravings, bronzes, statuary, books, works of art, and articles in its museum collection.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall be exempt from taxation on its endowment funds, collections, and other personality, also its museum building or buildings wherein its collections are stored, and its grounds, so long and so long only as they are occupied and used for the purpose mentioned in this act of incorporation.

SEC. 6. The entire management and direction of the affairs of said corporation, including the election of its officers and the control and appropriation of its property, shall be vested in a board of trustees, seven in number, each of whom shall be elected for a term of seven years. The board of trustees shall fill any vacancy occurring either by death, resignation, refusal, inability, or incapacity to act, or expiration of term of service.

SEC. 7. The officers of said corporation and the duties of the officers shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the board of trustees.

SEC. 8. The incorporators hereinbefore named shall, so soon as may be after organizing under this act of incorporation, elect a board of seven trustees, one to serve for one year, a second to serve for two years, a third to serve for three years, and so on up and including a seventh for seven years. Subsequent elections shall be by the board of trustees, either for an unexpired term or for a term of seven years, as the case may be.

SEC. 9. The corporation organized under this act shall remain an independent and separate institution, and shall not combine with, merge in, or be subject to any other institution or corporation whatsoever.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PENTECOSTAL COLLEGI-
ATE INSTITUTE.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Fred A. Hillery, of Providence, Rhode Island; Henry N. Brown, of Brooklyn, New York; William H. Bache, of Bound Brook, New Jersey;

Henry M. Randall, of Port Jefferson, New York; and Frank L. Sprague, of Keene, New Hampshire, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of Pentecostal Collegiate Institute, for the purpose of conducting a school for the education of children and youth, and for other educational, charitable, and literary purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and in any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may take, hold, transmit, and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WILLIAM REYNOLDS
HOMESTEAD CEMETERY.

Passed April
16, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Thomas A. Reynolds, William K. Reynolds, William A. Reynolds, Frank A. Reynolds, Dean S. Reynolds, and Richard B. Reynolds, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the William Reynolds Homestead Cemetery, for the purpose of establishing, perpetuating, caring for, and maintaining a family cemetery, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and in all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. A board of not less than five nor more than seven trustees, members of the corporation, shall be annually elected by the corporation, and hold office until others are elected in their place. Said board shall elect one of their number president, who shall thereby be president of the corporation. Said board shall also elect a secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as they shall deem necessary, and shall

have power to fill vacancies in their number that may occur during the period for which they hold their office. Said board shall have full and entire management and control of the estate, property, and business affairs of the corporation, and may make such by-laws and regulations, not repugnant hereto or to law, as they shall deem necessary therefor.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may purchase and hold land not exceeding five acres for a cemetery, and for any other use incidental to or connected with the purpose of the corporation.

SEC. 4. Said corporation may take and hold all gifts, bequests, and donations for the purpose of paying the expenses of improving, preserving, and embellishing said cemetery and the incidental expenses of the corporation.

SEC. 5. Said corporation may take and hold any grant, donation, or bequest of property upon trust to apply the same or the income thereof under direction of the board of trustees for the extension, improvement, or embellishment of said cemetery, or for the erection, repair, preservation, or the renewal of any tomb, monument, or gravestone, fence, bridge, railing, or other structure, or for planting and cultivating trees, shrubs, flowers, or plants in and around said cemetery, or for improving said cemetery in any other manner consistent with the design of this act, according to the terms of such grant, donation, or bequest, and said corporation shall not divert any grant, donation, or bequest made to them upon trust from the specific design and purpose expressed in the terms of such grant, donation, or bequest.

SEC. 6. An annual meeting of said corporation shall be held at such time and place as the by-laws shall direct, notice whereof shall be given in such manner as the by-laws shall direct. A business quorum shall consist of not less than five members present, either in person or by proxy.

SEC. 7. Special meetings of the corporation may be called by order of the trustees, or upon request made in writing by any three members to the secretary of the corporation. At such special meeting such busi-

ness only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order calling the same and in the notice given for such meeting to the members, which notice shall be given in the same manner as notices for the annual meeting.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall be located in the town of North Kingstown.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE MCGREGOR WOMAN'S RELIEF
CORPS, NO. 13, DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND.

Passed April
8, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Jessie A. Holmes, Anna M. Myrick, Anna H. Ray, Jenet Wood, and Susan T. Bryant, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of McGregor Woman's Relief Corps, No. 13, Department of Rhode Island, for charitable, literary, scientific, artistic, and social purposes, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and in any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may take, hold, transmit, and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall be located in the town of Warwick.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CONSEIL MONTCALM, No. 48,
DE L'UNION ST. JEAN BAPTISTE D'AMERIQUE, OF PAW-
TUCKET, R. I.

Passed March
28, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Charles D. Frechette, Frederic E. Grave-line, Theodore Catie, Joseph Taupier, Henri Fontaine, Jeremee Breault, Bernadin Gauthier, Euariste Godin,

Joseph Hebert, Frank Godin, their associates and successors, are hereby created a corporation by the name of Conseil Montcalm, No. 46, de L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique, of Pawtucket, R. I., for the purpose of mutual aid, benefit, and charitable purposes, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws or in any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may take, hold, transmit, and convey real and personal estate to an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed April
17, 1903.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE "LE CERCLE FRANCO-AMERICAIN," OF ARCTIC, R. I.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. David Thibeau, Olivier Langevin, Ls Levesque, Benjamin Belanger, H. J. Cartier, Henri Denomme, Pierre Blanchard, Louis Penoy, Adolphe Brule, Raymond Geffroy, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of "Le Cercle Franco-Americain," of Arctic, R. I., for the purpose of promoting naturalization of French Canadian residents in this state, also the moral, social, and intellectual improvement of its members and associates, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and in any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may take, hold, transmit, and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROVIDENCE BOARD OF TRADE," PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, A. D. 1868.

Passed Feb. 6,
1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The act entitled "An act to incorporate the Providence Board of Trade," passed at the May session, A. D. 1868, is hereby amended so that the name be changed from "Providence Board of Trade" to "Providence Chamber of Commerce."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE JOHN S. DEXTER, DANIEL LYMAN, SAMUEL SNOW, AND OTHERS INTO A SOCIETY BY THE NAME OF THE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS," PASSED AT THE FEBRUARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN.

Passed March
20, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Hereafter the Society of the Cincinnati in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations may take, hold, and possess any estate, real or personal, by gift, purchase, devise, or otherwise, for the sole benefit of said military society or order, and sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of the same, provided the value of said real estate shall not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars, and the annual income of the whole estate shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. In lieu and stead of the published notice heretofore required by law to be given for the annual meeting in every year there shall annually be filed with the secretary of state a roster duly certified by the signatures of two of the officers of said military society or order, which shall contain a list of the officers thereof and the names of the hereditary and hon-

orary members in the same, together with their respective residences as far as known; and the secretary of said military society shall also certify and file in every year with the secretary of state a notice of the time and place of holding the annual meeting in said year.

SEC. 3. The said military society or order may, at pleasure, from time to time appoint from among the members thereof who may reside in France a commission of not less than three members, and from time to time alter the composition thereof, which said commission shall be competent to receive and consider for hereditary membership in said military society or order the application of the proper male descendants of full age, domiciled in France, of any original member of said order who was originally duly admitted as such original member, with approval of the chief executive of France by reason of his services in the war of American independence as a commissioned officer in the French army or navy.

Upon the unanimous recommendation or approval of said commission and concurrence of the chief executive or other proper representative of the government of France, the said applicant thus approved shall thereupon become an hereditary member in the Society of the Cincinnati in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations upon subscribing to the declaration to support the beneficent principles of the institution of the Society of the Cincinnati as adopted and concurred in by the American and French officers in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three.

Any vacancy in said commission may at any time not less than thirty days before the annual meeting of the society in this state be filled by the standing committee thereof from among qualified members.

Nothing, however, in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority of said state society to act on any application.

SEC. 4. The Society of the Cincinnati in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations shall continue as heretofore to celebrate the anniversary of American independence and any other historic event connected with the war of the revolution and the ser-

vices of the American and French armies and navies in that war in such manner as said society may deem desirable, and assist in other commemorations, patriotic celebrations, or receptions of a national, state, or historic character, and every right and privilege heretofore granted by concurrent resolution or statute to the said society is hereby confirmed and continued in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE PROVIDENCE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NUMBER ONE," PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D., 1868. Passed Feb. 6, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The act entitled "An act to incorporate Providence Royal Arch Chapter, Number One," passed at the January session, A. D. 1868, is hereby amended so that said corporation may take, hold, transmit, and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE WHAT CHEER LODGE, NUMBER 21, OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE," PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1864. Passed Feb. 6, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The act entitled "An act to incorporate What Cheer Lodge, Number 21, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the city of Providence," passed at the January session, A. D. 1864, is hereby amended so that said corporation may take, hold, transmit, and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed Feb. 11,
1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FATHER MATHEW TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY, OF NEWPORT, R. I.," PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, 1885.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 2 of the act to incorporate The Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society, of Newport, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"SEC. 2. The said corporation shall have power to make and ordain such constitution and by-laws, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state and of the United States, as it may think proper, and the same to modify and repeal at pleasure, and to take, hold, and convey real and personal property to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars in value."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed April
10, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE," PASSED JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1887.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 2 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate The Trustees of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Providence," is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"SEC. 2. Said corporation may take, hold, transmit, and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AND AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RECTOR, WARDENS, AND VESTRY OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT, R. I.," AND OF THE ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

Passed April
8, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Said corporation, The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Emmanuel Church, Newport, R. I., is a corporation for religious and charitable purposes, located in the city of Newport, and organized for the worship of God in accordance with the doctrine, discipline, worship, and liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities and duties set forth in Chapter 177 of the General Laws and of all the acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held on Monday in Easter week.

SEC. 3. Said corporation at its annual meeting shall appoint two wardens, a clerk, and as many vestrymen and such other officers as its by-laws may require, who shall hold their offices until the next annual meeting of the corporation and until others are elected in their places:

SEC. 4. The rector shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the vestry. The wardens and vestrymen, with the rector, if there be one, shall together constitute a vestry, which shall have charge and management of all the property and affairs of the corporation. The vestry shall elect a rector in case of a vacancy. The clerk of the corporation shall be clerk of the vestry.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall determine by its by-laws what persons may be members of the corporation and how they may be admitted to and removed from membership; the manner of calling and notifying meetings of the corporation, and such other things as they may deem necessary for the welfare of the corporation, not inconsistent with the laws of the state.

SEC. 6. Such portions of the act incorporating The

Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Emmanuel Church, Newport, R. I., and of the acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof as are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed April
15, 1903.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FIRST LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY IN THE SECOND REGIMENT OF MILITIA," PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, A. D. 1818, AND THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO, AS AMENDED BY STATUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE MILITIA OF THE STATE AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF BY THE FIRST LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. All the rights, powers, privileges, and immunities under the act entitled "An act to incorporate the First Light Infantry Company in the second regiment of militia," passed at the May session, A. D. 1818, and the several acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, conferred upon or granted to said command, the companies, officers, and members thereof, which were amended or repealed by Chapter 476 of the Public Laws, entitled "An act in amendment of Title XXXIV of the General Statutes 'Of the militia,'" passed at the January session A. D. 1875, and by Chapter 543 of the Public Laws, entitled "An act in amendment of Chapter 476 of the Public Laws, entitled 'An act in amendment of Title XXXV of the General Statutes 'Of the militia,'" passed at the January session, A. D. 1876, and by the acceptance by the First Light Infantry Regiment of the provisions of said Chapter 476 of the Public Laws and notification thereof duly made to the adjutant-general, and by the acceptance by said First Light Infantry Regiment of the provisions of said Chapter 543 of the Public Laws in amendment of said Chapter 476 of the Public Laws by reason of its not declining the provisions of said

title as amended, at the time and in the manner provided in said Chapter 543, are hereby restored and re-enacted, and said First Light Infantry Regiment, and the companies, officers, and members thereof, are hereby granted and reinstated in all its and their said rights, powers, privileges, and immunities the same as if said acceptances and each of them had never been made.

SEC. 2. This act shall not be construed so as to revive any general laws relating to chartered military companies which are not now in force, or so as to affect or change any general or special laws relating to said First Light Infantry Regiment which are now in force, except to restore to said regiment any chartered rights, powers, privileges, or immunities surrendered, amended, or repealed as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RHODE ISLAND HEBREW MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION," PASSED JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1890.

Passed April
17, 1903.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation created by an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Rhode Island Hebrew Medical Aid Association," passed at the January session, A. D. 1890, is hereby changed to the "Biker Chalam Lodge, No. 303, Independent Order Brith Abraham," and by said last mentioned name said corporation shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities it would have been entitled or subjected to had its name not been changed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed March
20, 1903.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE "CERCLE
JACQUES CARTIER" LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, MAN-
VILLE, R. I.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation created as the "Cercle Jacques Cartier" Library Association under the provisions of an act passed at the January session, A. D. 1881, and amended by an act passed at the January session, A. D. 1887, is hereby changed to "Cercle Jacques Cartier, No. 1, des Chevaliers Jacques Cartier d'Amerique," and by said latter name said corporation shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities it would have been entitled to or subject to had not its name been changed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Passed April
16, 1903.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EN-
GROSSED ACTS TO EMPLOY A CLERK.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The secretary of state is hereby authorized to employ an engrossing clerk at a salary of \$400 per annum, which sum shall cover the expense of engrossing all bills referred to the committee on engrossed acts; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his order on the general treasurer, from time to time, for the payment of said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the sum of \$400 is hereby annually appropriated for said purpose.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTIONS

OF A

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NATURE.

RESOLUTION to adopt joint rules and orders.

Resolved, That the joint rules and orders of the general assembly, in force during the year 1902, be and they hereby are adopted as the joint rules and orders of this general assembly.

No. 1.
Passed Feb.
19, 1903.

“Rule 28. No bill, act, or resolution shall be considered by the general assembly except by unanimous consent of the house in which such act, bill, or resolution is introduced unless the same shall have been presented at least ten days before the date fixed for final adjournment, and reported from a committee or placed upon the calendar at least five days before the date fixed for final adjournment.”

RESOLUTION on the death of Hon. Frank H. Jackson.

No. 2.
Passed March
11, 1903.

Whereas, This general assembly has learned with great regret of the death of Hon. Frank H. Jackson, who died at his home in Providence on the eighth day of March, A. D. 1903,

Resolved, That in his death the members of this general assembly mourn the loss of a valued associate in the discharge of their common duties, and many of them a personal friend.

Resolved, That the state has lost an official whose services were distinguished by faithfulness to the public interests and devotion to the general welfare.



Resolved, That the secretary of state be and he hereby is directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

No. 3.
Passed Feb. 3,
1903.

RESOLUTION requesting members of congress from the state of Rhode Island to introduce a bill permitting foreign vessels to carry coal mined in the United States.

Resolved, That this general assembly request the senators and representatives from this state in the congress of the United States to introduce or favor the passage of an act by said congress permitting foreign vessels to carry coal mined in the United States from and to any port therein for a period of one year, subject to the laws regulating vessels belonging in the United States.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and hereby is directed to forward by mail an attested copy of this resolution to each senator and representative from this state in congress.

No. 4.
Passed Jan. 7,
1903.

RESOLUTION requesting the members of congress from this state to secure the passage of an act placing coal upon the free list.

Resolved, That the senators and representatives in congress from this state be and they hereby are requested to vote for and use their best endeavors to secure the passage of an act by congress placing coal upon the free list.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and he hereby is directed to forward forthwith a certified copy of this resolution, under the seal of the state, to each senator and representative in congress from this state.

RESOLUTION requesting the secretary of the navy of the United States to investigate the matter of release of Wm. S. Morse from the insane asylum of Rhode Island.

No. 5.
Passed April
10, 1903.

Whereas, One William Stevens Morse, while detained in the state institution for the insane in this state, was taken therefrom by officers of the naval department of the United States as a deserter from the navy, and by them taken to the naval station at Charlestown, Massachusetts; and

Whereas, On the 12th day of March, A. D., 1903, said Morse was released and permitted to go at large; and

Whereas, On the 13th day of March, A. D., 1903, the said Morse did shoot and kill one Julia E. Toombs, in the city of Providence, in this state;

Resolved, That this general assembly most respectfully request that the honorable secretary of the navy of the United States cause an investigation to be made to ascertain who, if any one, is responsible for the releasing of the said William Stevens Morse.

Resolved, The secretary of state forthwith forward by mail an attested copy of this resolution to the secretary of the navy of the United States.

RESOLUTION authorizing the state house commission to loan to the Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society the portrait of General Burnside belonging to the state.

No. 6.
Passed April
14, 1903.

Resolved, That the state house commission be and is hereby authorized and empowered to loan to the soldiers and sailors historical society the portrait of General Ambrose E. Burnside belonging to the state and now hanging in the state house, for the purpose of permitting said society to have a copy of said portrait made for presentation to the West Point Military Academy.

No. 7.
Passed Feb. 18,
1903.

RESOLUTION providing for a joint meeting of the house and senate to meet the representatives of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

Whereas, The representatives of the Louisiana Purchase exposition to be held in the city of St. Louis, state of Missouri, in 1904, will be in this city on Tuesday next, 17th instant, for the purpose of explaining to the general assembly of this state the plan, purpose, and scope of said exposition, therefore be it

Resolved, That this house hereby extend to his excellency the governor and honorable senate an invitation to meet in the house chamber on Tuesday next, during a recess of both houses at such hour as may be mutually convenient, to listen to addresses from said representatives of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

No. 8.
Passed March
10, 1903.

RESOLUTION authorizing the general treasurer to apply proceeds of the civil war claim to the account of military and naval expenses, war with Spain.

Whereas, The congress of the United States, March 4, 1903, awarded to the state of Rhode Island the sum of thirty-one thousand, two hundred eighty-nine dollars and seventy-one cents, as an indemnity for the costs and charges and expenses incurred in enrolling, subsisting, clothing, arming, and equipping its troops in aiding to suppress an insurrection against the United States between 1861 and 1865, it is therefore

Resolved, The general treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, after paying the legal fees for the prosecution of its claim against the United States, to apply the remainder of said sum to the account war with Spain; it is further

Resolved, The general treasurer is directed, as soon as may be, to liquidate the note of the Industrial Trust Company, issued to cover the military and naval expenses, war with Spain, and to transfer the balance of said account to the general fund for the use of the state.

RESOLUTION appointing a commission to consider and report upon the conditions affecting the shipping interest of the state in Providence harbor and adjacent waters.

No. 9.
Passed April
17, 1903.

Resolved, That Frederick H. Jackson, Augustus S. Miller, Rowland G. Hazard, Samuel M. Conant, and James M. Scott be and they are hereby appointed a commission, whose duty it shall be to examine into the conditions affecting the shipping interest of the state now existing in Providence harbor and the adjacent waters of Narragansett bay; to consider ways and means for remedying the existing conditions, and to report to the January session, A. D. 1904, of the general assembly the result of its investigation, and its opinion as to what changes and improvements should be made in said harbor and bay to accommodate, promote, and increase the commerce of the state. Said commission is hereby authorized to expend for the purposes aforesaid a sum of money not exceeding \$5,000, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon vouchers approved by the governor.

RESOLUTION conferring additional authority upon the Providence armory commission.

No. 10.
Passed April
16, 1903.

Resolved, That the Providence armory commission be and it hereby is authorized to contract in the name of the state for the erection of an armory in the city of Providence at an expense, inclusive of lockers, plumbing, heating, lighting, and the compensation of the architects, of not exceeding four hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars.

RESOLUTION in regard to the distribution of the General Laws and Public Laws.

No. 11.
Passed Feb. 4,
1903.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and hereby is directed to furnish a copy of the General Laws

and of the Public Laws issued since the revision of 1896 to each member of this general assembly who has not hitherto received the same.

No. 12.
Passed Jan. 20,
1903.

RESOLUTION in reference to the change of law as to the transportation of cattle and other live stock.

Whereas, An effort is now being made to have the congress of the United States change the law as to transportation of cattle and other live stock so that it shall not be necessary to feed or water them for a longer period than twenty-eight hours,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the legislature of Rhode Island that the present limit of twenty-eight hours is as long as live stock should be kept without food, water, or rest while in transportation, and that to extend such time would be a serious menace to the public health because of its effect upon the live stock so transported, and would be extremely cruel treatment of such live stock, and that we respectfully urge the congress of the United States to decline to make any change in the present law that shall increase said period of time. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representatives in congress.

No. 13.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION concerning the replacing of the boundary stones upon the line between the towns of Portsmouth and Middletown.

Resolved, That the senators and representatives from the towns of Portsmouth and Middletown in the present general assembly be and they are hereby created a commission for the purpose of replacing the boundary stone or stones upon the established boundary line between the towns of Portsmouth and Middletown; said commission shall serve without compensation and file a report of their action in the premises with the town clerks of said towns, and also with the secretary of state, within thirty days after they have replaced said stone or stones.

RESOLUTION providing for the observance by the General Assembly of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

No. 14.
Passed Feb. 11,
1903.

Resolved, That the senate and house of representatives assemble in the hall of the house of representatives on Thursday next, the twelfth day of February, at half after eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to commemorate the ninety-fourth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; and that a committee composed of one senator and two representatives be appointed to arrange for exercises suitable to the occasion.

RESOLUTION appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the construction, maintenance, and improvement of the highways of the state.

No. 15.
Passed April
10, 1903.

Resolved, That the first annual report of the state board of public roads made to this general assembly be and the same is hereby approved. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the construction, maintenance, and improvement of the highways of the state, to be expended under the direction and supervision of the state board of public roads in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 982 of the Public Laws, passed April 3, 1902; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his orders on the general treasurer for the payment of the same upon receipt of vouchers signed by the chairman and secretary of said state board of public roads.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for certain agricultural societies.

No. 16.
Passed March
13, 1903.

Resolved, That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the use of the following societies, viz.: the Washington County Agricultural Society, ten hundred dollars; the Woon-

socket Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Society, ten hundred dollars; the Rhode Island Horticultural Society, ten hundred dollars; the Rhode Island Poultry Association, ten hundred dollars; Newport County Agricultural Society, ten hundred dollars; the Newport Horticultural Society, seven hundred and fifty dollars. The said sums to be distributed by said societies as premiums at the fairs which they may hold during the present year: *Provided, however*, that said premiums, with the exception of the premiums of the Rhode Island Poultry Association, shall be paid to citizens of this state only, and shall be limited to agricultural and horticultural products, neat cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, agricultural and mechanical implements and inventions, and all products of the farm, mill, workshop, and household; and the general treasurer shall pay to said societies, respectively, such parts of said appropriation as the state auditor shall certify have, to his satisfaction, been paid or awarded to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

And provided, further, that no part of this appropriation shall be paid to any society where gambling or the sale of intoxicating liquors are permitted on the premises or grounds owned or controlled by said society.

No. 17.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION appropriating the sum of six thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a dwelling-house, repairing and rebuilding walls and fences, and for the doing of other work at the state camp ground, and for the purchase of fertilizers and seeds to be used at said camp ground.

Resolved, That the sum of six thousand dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting a dwelling-house, rebuilding and repairing of walls and fences, for repairing of roads, and the doing of other work at the state camp ground, Quonset Point, R. I., also for the purchasing of ferti-

lizers and seeds to be used at said camp ground; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders from the general treasurer for the payment thereof upon receipt of vouchers certified to him by the quartermaster-general and approved by the governor.

RESOLUTION making appropriation for the maintenance of rifle practice for the state militia for the year 1903.

No. 18.
Passed March
20, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be applied for the maintenance of rifle practice for the state militia for the year 1903, said sum to be expended under the direction of the adjutant-general; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for said sum upon the receipt of vouchers approved by the governor.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for the purchase of uniforms for the naval battalion, R. I. militia.

No. 19.
Passed March
18, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing uniforms for the naval battalion, R. I. militia; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment thereof upon the receipt of vouchers certified to by the quartermaster-general and approved by the governor.

RESOLUTION appropriating one thousand dollars for the purpose of repairing and furnishing the court house in the city of Newport.

No. 20.
Passed March
13, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be

and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of making the following necessary repairs to court house in Newport, to wit: Painting outside of court house two coats, whitening ceiling of south hallway, repairing the gutters, windows, and doors of said court house, painting and papering office of the clerk of the district court, painting and papering sheriff's office, cabinets for office of clerk of supreme court, and making such other repairs as may be found necessary, said money to be expended under the direction of the sheriff of Newport County; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order on the general treasurer in favor of said sheriff of Newport county for said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

No. 21.
Passed March
13, 1903.

RESOLUTION appropriating five hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing and furnishing the Newport county jail.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of making the following necessary repairs to the Newport county jail, to wit: Painting the outside of said jail two coats, blinds for said jail, painting the fence, papering the rooms in living part, and making such other repairs to said jail as may be found necessary, said money to be expended under the direction of the sheriff of Newport county; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order on the general treasurer in favor of said sheriff of Newport county for said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

RESOLUTION appropriating one hundred dollars for the use of the Rhode Island Veteran Citizens' Historical Association.

No. 22.
Passed March
19, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same hereby is appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use of the Rhode Island Veteran Citizens' Historical Association, to defray the expenses incurred in publishing facts and incidents relating to local history, the same to be under the control and direction of the state librarian; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer from time to time upon the presentation to him of vouchers duly approved by the state librarian.

RESOLUTION appropriating the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the control and prevention of diphtheria.

No. 23.
Passed March
19, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be needed be and is hereby appropriated to the state board of health for the control and prevention of diphtheria; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order on the general treasurer for the amount out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, upon receipt of proper vouchers approved by the governor.

RESOLUTION appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars for the control and prevention of tuberculosis in man.

No. 24.
Passed April
16, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars or as much thereof as may be needed be and is hereby appropriated to the state board of health for the control and prevention of tuberculosis in man; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order on the general treasurer for the amount out of any mon-

eys not otherwise appropriated, upon receipt of proper vouchers approved by the governor.

No. 25.
Passed March
18, 1903.

RESOLUTION appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars to enable the commissioner of records to continue the work upon lists of officers and soldiers who served in the colonial wars and war of revolution.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of enabling the commissioner of records to continue the work authorized by resolution of the general assembly, passed May 6, 1898, upon lists of the officers and soldiers of the colony and state of Rhode Island who were engaged in the colonial wars and war of the revolution; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order or orders upon the general treasurer for said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, upon vouchers approved by the governor.

No. 26.
Passed March
18, 1903.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for the use of the commissioners of inland fisheries.

Resolved, That the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the commissioners of inland fisheries, to be expended by them as they shall deem expedient in promoting the interests of the fisheries of the state; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his orders for such portions thereof as may be required from time to time, upon receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers.

RESOLUTION providing for the publication and distribution of vol. 24 of the Rhode Island reports.

No. 27.
Passed April
16, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of printing and publishing vol. 24 of the Rhode Island reports; and the state auditor is hereby directed, upon the presentation of properly authenticated vouchers, to draw his order upon the general treasurer for so much of said sum as may be necessary for said purpose, to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

And the secretary of state is hereby directed to deliver to each member and clerk of the present general assembly, including the clerks of the several committees, one copy of said volume 24 of the Rhode Island reports, when they shall come into his hands and possession.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for the purpose of re-imbursing certain persons for losses sustained in connection with the foot and mouth disease, so-called.

No. 28.
Passed April
16, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of eleven hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of re-imbursing certain owners of cattle and hogs for losses sustained by reason of the action of the federal government in ordering the killing of said animals supposed to be afflicted with the foot and mouth disease. The object of this resolution being to re-imburse said persons for the difference in the amount allowed them by the federal government and the appraised value of said animals. Said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary to be paid out of the appropriation for the suppression of the foot and mouth disease in cattle, passed at the December session, A. D. 1902; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer from time to time for the aforesaid purpose, to be paid upon the

approval of the executive committee of the state board of agriculture.

No. 29.
Passed April 8,
1903.

RESOLUTION making appropriation for purchase of the publications of the soldiers and sailors historical society of Rhode Island, for distribution to the free public libraries and the library of the Sockanosset school for boys.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the state board of education in the purchase of the publications of the soldiers and sailors historical society of Rhode Island, and for the distribution of the same, suitably bound, to the library of the Sockanosset school for boys and among such of the free public libraries of the state as have not subscribed therefor; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders on the general treasurer from time to time for such portions of said sum as may be required to carry out the purposes of this resolution, on the presentation of vouchers properly authenticated by said state board of education.

No. 30.
Passed April
16, 1903.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the purpose of making repairs upon the Kent county jail.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of making necessary repairs upon the Kent county jail, said repairs to be done under the direction of the sheriff of Kent county; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders on the general treasurer from time to time for said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, upon receipt of proper vouchers approved by said sheriff of Kent county.

RESOLUTION appropriating the sum of \$3,000 for use of the board of state charities and corrections.

No. 31.
Passed April
15, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase for the use of the state, by the board of state charities and corrections, of such parcels of land adjacent to the lands occupied by the state institutions in Cranston as they may deem it for the benefit of said institutions that the state should own; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer in payment for land so purchased, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum above named: *Provided*, that before any payment is made as hereinbefore authorized, the title of any land so purchased shall be examined by the attorney-general or his assistant, and the deed thereof approved in writing by said officer or his assistant, as the case may be, both as to the title of the land and as to the form of the deed.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for repairs and alterations at Providence county court house.

No. 32.
Passed April
16, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of making necessary alterations and repairs to rooms in Providence county court house, for the providing of proper furnishings for the same, and for placing safety devices on the elevators, said sum to be expended under the direction of the sheriff of Providence county; and the state auditor is authorized to draw his orders on the general treasurer from time to time for the payment of bills contracted under this resolution, upon the approval of the sheriff of the county of Providence.

No. 33.
Passed April
16, 1903.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for assistance in cataloguing the state library.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended for assistance in cataloguing the state library. The said sum shall be expended under the direction of the secretary of state; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for said sum upon the receipt of vouchers approved by the secretary of state.

No. 34.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of an act "providing for the better management of the public schools in the state."

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of an act providing for the better management of the public schools of the state; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his order for such portion thereof as may be required from time to time upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

No. 35.
Passed April
18, 1903.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation to complete the electric lighting of the Washington county court house and for lighting the jail in said county.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the sheriff of Washington county for completing the lighting of the court house in said Washington county with electricity and for lighting

the jail in said county; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders on the general treasurer for the payment of such portions of said appropriation as the sheriff of said county may from time to time require, upon the receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

RESOLUTION appropriating to the Rhode Island college of agriculture and mechanic arts the sum of three thousand dollars for certain specific purposes.

No. 36.
Passed April
17, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Rhode Island college of agriculture and mechanic arts, to be used as a labor fund for paying students for services rendered to the state, and to defray the expenses of giving demonstrations in spraying, for co-operative tests of soil, and for such other agricultural assistance and demonstrations in various sections of the state as shall from time to time be deemed advisable by the board of managers of said college, and as shall be requested by residents of the state; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of the same on the receipt of vouchers approved by the board of managers of said college.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for the use of the state sealer.

No. 37.
Passed April
17, 1903.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the state sealer of weights, measures, and balances, to be expended by him in replacing the old standard balances and cabinets in the towns of Bristol, Warren, South Kingstown, East Greenwich, Johnston, Burrillville, North Providence, and New Shoreham, and in purchasing all necessary apparatus for his office; and the state

auditor is hereby authorized to draw his order for such portion thereof as may be required from time to time upon receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers.

No. 38.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION appropriating ten thousand dollars for the purpose of completing the construction of the sea walls and jetties to protect the breachway extending from the Point Judith pond, in the town of South Kingstown, to the ocean.

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of completing the construction of the sea walls and jetties to protect the breachway extending from the Point Judith pond, in the town of South Kingstown, to the ocean. Said sum of money is to be expended by and under the direction of the committee heretofore appointed; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order upon the general treasurer from time to time for such portion thereof as appears to have been expended, upon receipt by him of vouchers approved by said committee.

No. 39.
Passed March
4, 1903.

RESOLUTION appropriating one hundred dollars for the joint special committee on the permanent location of the remains of General Nathanael Greene.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same hereby is appropriated, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint special committee on the permanent location of the remains of General Nathanael Greene in defraying the expenses incurred in the distribution of the report of said committee; and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his order on the general treasurer upon receipt of vouchers by him duly approved by the governor.

RESOLUTION authorizing the joint committee on accounts and claims to employ a clerk.

No. 40.
Passed March
5, 1903.

Resolved, That the joint committee on accounts and claims be and hereby is authorized to employ a clerk for the legislative year beginning on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1903, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1003 of the Public Laws, passed at the January session, A. D. 1902.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Helen B. Beattie for leave to build a wharf into the Seaconnet river.

No. 41.
Passed Feb. 25,
1903.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and said Helen B. Beattie is hereby authorized to build a wharf, extending westerly, not exceeding two hundred feet from the mean high water mark, into the Seaconnet river, from land owned by her, in the town of Tiverton, the same to be built subject to the direction and approval of the harbor commissioners.

RESOLUTION authorizing Edward Parkinson and Prudence M. Parkinson to adopt as their own child Prudence Maria Clark, a married woman of full age.

No. 42.
Passed April
10, 1903.

Upon the petition of Edward Parkinson, Prudence M. Parkinson, George C. Clark, and Prudence Maria Clark praying for certain reasons therein stated that the said Edward Parkinson and Prudence M. Parkinson be granted leave to adopt Prudence Maria Clark:

Voted and Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same hereby is granted, and that the said Edward Parkinson and Prudence M. Parkinson are hereby authorized to adopt the said Prudence Maria Clark as their own child, and that the said Edward Parkinson and Prudence M. Parkinson and Prudence Maria Clark shall be reciprocally vested with

all rights and be subject to all the duties and obligations, including the right of inheritance of estate, real and personal, and all other rights as if the said Prudence Maria Clark had been born the lawful child of the said Edward Parkinson and Prudence M. Parkinson.

No. 43.
Passed April
16, 1903.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Charles Alexander Zaslavsky for change of name.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and that the name of the said Charles Alexander Zaslavsky be and the same hereby is changed to that of Charles Z. Alexander, and that by the latter name he be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities he would have been subject to had not his name been changed as aforesaid.

No. 44.
Passed April
16, 1903.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Samuel Yarashefsky for change of name.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and that the name of said Samuel Yarashefsky be and the same hereby is changed to that of Samuel Plainfield, and that by the latter name he be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities he would have been subject to had not his name been changed as aforesaid.

No. 45.
Passed Jan. 21,
1903.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Ethel Blanche Cram for change of name.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petitioner be and the same hereby is granted, and that the name of said Ethel Blanche Cram be and the same hereby is changed to Ethel Blanche Angell, and that by the latter name

she be entitled to all the rights and privileges and be subject to all the duties and liabilities she would have been subject to had not her name been changed.

RESOLUTION changing the name of Fred Mowry to that of Fred Clarke.

No. 46.
Passed Feb. 18,
1903.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and that the name of the said Fred Mowry be and the same is hereby changed to that of Fred Clarke, and that by the latter name he be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities he would have been subject to had his name not been changed.

RESOLUTION authorizing Roswell Groff and Abbie E. Groff, his wife, both of South Kingstown, in this state, to adopt as their child Adaline Southwick Eldred, of said South Kingstown.

No. 47.
Passed Feb. 12,
1903.

Whereas, Roswell Groff and Abbie E. Groff, his wife, both of South Kingstown, in this state, by their petition duly presented ask for leave to adopt as their child Adaline Southwick Eldred, of said South Kingstown, a person of full and legal age, and she has joined in the prayer of said petition; be it

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same hereby is granted, and from and after the passage of this resolution said Adaline Southwick Eldred shall be to all legal intents and purposes the child of said Roswell Groff and Abbie E. Groff, with all the reciprocal rights and obligations as provided in Chapter 192 of the General Laws, 1896, of this state; and that the name of the said Adaline Southwick Eldred be and the same hereby is changed to that of Adaline Eldred Groff, and that by the latter name she be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities she would have been subject to had her name not been changed.

All of said parties shall, within sixty days after the passage of the resolution, deliver to the secretary of state a certificate, duly signed by them, acknowledged before a notary public, stating that they have assumed and entered into the relation of parent and child, which certificate shall be filed and become a part of this record.

No. 48.
Passed March
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION changing the name of Joseph J. Kelmel to that of Joseph J. Mann.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petitioner be and the same is hereby granted, and that the name of the said Joseph J. Kelmel be and the same is hereby changed to that of Joseph J. Mann, and that by the latter name he be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities he would have been subject to had his name not been changed.

No. 49.
Passed April 3,
1903.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Harriet Elizabeth Champlin for change of name to Harriet Elizabeth Spicer.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be and the same is hereby granted, and that the name of Harriet Elizabeth Champlin be and the same is hereby changed to Harriet Elizabeth Spicer, and that by the said latter name she be entitled to all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities she would have been entitled and subject to had her name not been changed as aforesaid.

No. 50.
Passed April 2,
1903.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Bernard Pristav for change of name.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and that the name of said

Bernard Pristav be and the same is hereby changed to that of Barnet Priest, and that by the latter name he be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities he would have been entitled or subject to had his name not been changed as aforesaid.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of James O'Donnell praying, for reasons therein stated, to be restored his privileges.

No. 51.
Passed April
17, 1903.

Voted and Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and the said James O'Donnell is hereby restored to all his civil rights and privileges, including the right of voting, if otherwise qualified, and shall hereafter be entitled to have and enjoy the same in like manner as if he had never been deprived thereof.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Daniel J. Geary for restoration of his civil rights.

No. 52.
Passed Feb. 19,
1903.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Daniel J. Geary of Providence for restoration of his civil rights be and the same is hereby granted, and that he is hereby restored to his civil rights when he shall be possessed of the other qualifications required by the constitution and laws.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Peter Murphy for restoration to his civil rights.

No. 53.
Passed Feb. 24,
1903.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petitioner be and the same hereby is granted, and that Peter Murphy, heretofore convicted and sentenced to our state prison for assault with dangerous weapon, his term having since expired, be and he is hereby restored to his civil rights when he shall be found to possess the other qualifications required by law and the constitution.

No. 54.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION for the payment of the sheriff and his deputies for attendance at the general assembly during its session beginning January 6th, 1903, and ending April 17, 1903.

Resolved, That the following sums be paid to the following-named persons, sheriff of the county of Providence and his deputy sheriffs, respectively, for attendance at the general assembly during its session beginning January 6th, 1903, and ending April 17th, 1903, to wit:

Hunter C. White, sheriff.....	\$300 00
Osmond C. Goodell, deputy sheriff.....	300 00
Albert C. Johnson, "	300 00
Thomas Dyer, "	10 00
Andre Blanchard, "	10 00
Hugh F. McKusker, "	10 00
Charles H. Brown, "	10 00
William P. Winslow, "	10 00
Peter J. Healey, "	10 00
F. B. Ham, "	10 00
Andrew McKenzie, "	10 00
Edgar S. Thayer, "	10 00
Nathan Colvin, "	10 00

and that the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his order on the general treasurer in favor of the above-named persons, respectively, in full for the above sums, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

RESOLUTION for the payment of sundry accounts against the state.

Resolved, That the following accounts against the state be and the same are hereby allowed and ordered to be paid; and the state auditor is directed to draw his orders on the general treasurer for the said several amounts, out of any money unappropriated in the treasury.

For expenses of members of state board of education attending meetings of said board during the year ending February 1, 1903:

No. 55.

Samuel W. K. Allen.....	\$56 65
George T. Baker.....	93 75
Frank Hill.....	52 00
John E. Kendrick.....	116 51
Frank E. Thompson.....	124 75
Charles J. White.....	17 95

For expenses, inauguration day:

No. 56.

Pawtuxet Valley Gleaner.....	\$7 75
L'Eco del Rhode Island.....	10 00
Newport Daily News.....	44 00
Woonsocket Reporter Co.....	7 50
George H. Utter.....	5 75
Herald Publishing Co.....	9 50
Corbett's Herald Co.....	10 00
La Tribune Publishing Co.....	9 60
Le Jean-Baptiste.....	18 00
W. H. Martin.....	10 00
R. I. Publishing Co.....	5 00
R. I. Pendulum.....	8 00
East Providence Eagle.....	5 75
The Pascoag Herald.....	9 50
The Westerly Times.....	5 50
Mercury Publishing Co.....	15 00
Providence Visitor.....	10 00
J. H. Coggeshall.....	8 00
D. Gillies' Sons.....	3 00
Bristol Phoenix.....	8 00
The Outlook.....	6 50
The Woonsocket Patriot.....	7 50
The Times Publishing Co.....	11 10
B. S. Lake & Co.....	10 00
Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times.....	11 00
Evening Call Publishing Co.....	7 20
Thomas S. Hammond.....	7 75
Edgar T. Spencer.....	8 00
Olneyville Times.....	7 00
G. W. Slocum.....	15 00

A. C. Cushing.....	\$7 50
M. F. Pollock	62 00
Reeves American Band.....	240 00
What Cheer Stables.....	168 00
Victor Gelb	625 00
Providence Journal Co.....	48 90
The News Publishing Co.....	29 20
Telegram Publishing Co.....	25 88
La Liberta.....	10 00

No. 57. For expenses, inauguration day:

E. L. Freeman & Sons, printing.....	72 48
T. T. Pitman.....	44 00

No. 58. For expenses, inauguration day:

Staff of the commander-in-chief.....	193 17
Battery A and signal corps.....	40 11
Use of draft-horses, Battery A.....	10 00
Pay-roll F. & S., and Co.'s A, B, E, F, and H, 2d Regiment.....	340 71
Pay-roll Troop B Cavalry.....	12 00
Charles H. Weaver, rations and forage.	12 50
Allen and Northup, lunch for 48 men.....	24 00

No. 59. Thomas H. Galvin, for supplies furnished for
Kent county jail and court house..... 15 42

No. 60. William R. Northup, for services as janitor of
of Kentish Artillery armory..... 100 00

No. 61. T. T. Pitman, for printing..... 11 00

No. 62. James Anthony, for attendance of self, deputy,
and two assistants at public hearing, March
9, 1903, in Newport county court house, on
Newport police commission bill..... 10 00

No. 63. Jennie M. Godfrey, for services as stenographer
and typewriter in the bureau of industrial
statistics, for the months of February and
March, 1903..... 120 00

Mary E. Jackson, for services as clerk in the
bureau of industrial statistics for the months
of February and March, 1903..... 75 00

Leonora D. Peckham, for services as clerk in the bureau of industrial statistics for the months of February and March, 1903.....	\$75 00	
Edward G. Crandall, sheriff of Washington county, for rent of office in Westerly, from January 1st, 1902, to January 31st, 1903...	39 00	No. 64.
George S. Bennett, for services as janitor of of Kent county court house, from December 31, 1901, to January 1, 1903.....	300 00	No. 65.
Johnston Bros., for floral piece furnished at funeral of senator Frank H. Jackson.....	100 00	No. 66.
John Smith, for claim against the state, for damages to bicycle by the state militia, at Central Falls, in 1902.....	50 00	No. 67.
W. F. Walsh, for rooms and meals furnished twelve jurors and two keepers.....	168 00	No. 68.
Everlin G. Smith, for services rendered, and provisions furnished, as keeper of Kent county jail.....	184 42	No. 69.
John W. Sweeney, for rent of room for use of the district court of the third judicial district, for the year ending December 31, 1902.	60 00	No. 70.
Frederic Bowman, for engrossing resolutions relative to justices Matteson and Rogers of the supreme court.....	50 00	No. 71.

RESOLUTION appropriating a sum of money to procure a portrait of ex-speaker Armington.

Resolved, That seven hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby appropriated to procure a portrait of ex-speaker Armington, to be hung in the retiring room of the house of representatives; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his orders on the general treasurer for so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the object of this resolution, and the speaker is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three of the house to procure the said portrait.

No. 72.
Passed April
17, 1903.

No. 73.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION making an appropriation of \$700 to procure a portrait of speaker Burlingame.

Resolved, That seven hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby appropriated to procure a portrait of speaker Burlingame, to be hung in the retiring room of the house of representatives; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his orders on the general treasurer for so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the object of this resolution, and the speaker is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three of the house to procure said portrait.

No. 74.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of William H. Shea for pardon and release from imprisonment in the state prison.

[Passed in Senate, April 8, 1903.]

Resolved, That the senate do hereby advise and consent to the granting of the pardon of William H. Shea, in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by his excellency the governor, to be agreed to by said Shea in writing, namely:

A. The said William H. Shea shall once in every three months, dating from the time of his pardon, report to the state probation officer.

B. The said William H. Shea also agrees to abstain wholly from every kind of alcoholic liquors.

C. If at any time the said William H. Shea shall violate any of the above agreements or break any of the laws of this state, or if in the opinion of the governor for the time being it is deemed unadvisable for the said William H. Shea to remain at large, the governor may forthwith by his order in writing cause the said William H. Shea to be arrested and remanded to serve out his original sentence.

These terms and conditions being agreed to by the said William H. Shea in writing, the warden of the state prison is hereby directed to release said William H. Shea from his imprisonment forthwith.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of James Butler for pardon and release from imprisonment in the state prison.

No. 75.

[Passed in Senate, March 17, 1903.]

Resolved, That the senate do hereby advise and consent to the granting of the pardon of James Butler, in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by his excellency the governor, to be agreed to by said Butler in writing, namely :

A. The said James Butler shall once in every three months during the period for which he was sentenced, report to the state probation officer.

B. If before the expiration of said sentence the said James Butler shall break any of the laws of this state, or if in the opinion of the governor for the time being it is deemed inadvisable for the said James Butler to remain at large, the governor may forthwith by his order in writing cause the said James Butler to be arrested and remanded to serve the remainder of his sentence until such time as the original sentence expires.

These terms and conditions being agreed to by the said James Butler in writing, the warden of the state prison is hereby directed to release the said James Butler from imprisonment forthwith.

RESOLUTION upon the petition for pardon of Rhoda Hall, as recommended by his excellency the governor.

No. 76.

[Passed in Senate, April 16, 1903.]

Resolved, That the senate do hereby advise and consent to the granting of the pardon of Rhoda Hall in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by his excellency the governor, to be agreed to by said Hall in writing, namely :

A. The said Rhoda Hall shall once in every three months during the period for which she was sentenced, report to the state probation officer.

B. If before the expiration of said sentence the said Rhoda Hall shall break any of the laws of this state, or if in the opinion of the governor for the time being it is deemed inadvisable for the said Rhoda Hall to remain at large, the governor may forthwith by his order in writing, cause the said Rhoda Hall to be arrested and remanded to serve the remainder of her sentence until such time as the original sentence expires.

These terms and conditions being agreed to by the said Rhoda Hall in writing, the warden of the state prison is hereby directed to release said Rhoda Hall from her imprisonment forthwith.

No. 77.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of John T. Downing for pardon and release from imprisonment in the state prison.

[Passed in Senate, Feb. 20, 1903.]

Resolved, That the senate do hereby advise and consent to the granting of the prayer of the petition for the pardon of John T. Downing, as recommended by his excellency the governor, and that the warden of the state prison be directed to release said John T. Downing from his imprisonment forthwith.

No. 78.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Alfred Beaulieu for pardon and release from imprisonment in the state prison.

[Passed in Senate, March 10, 1903.]

Resolved, That the senate do hereby advise and consent to the granting of the pardon of Alfred Beaulieu in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by his excellency the governor, to be agreed to by said Beaulieu in writing, namely:

A. The said Alfred Beaulieu shall once in every three months during the period for which he was sentenced, report to the state probation officer.

B. If before the expiration of said sentence the said Alfred Beaulieu shall break any of the laws of this state, or if in the opinion of the governor for the time being it is deemed unadvisable for the said Alfred Beaulieu to remain at large, the governor may forthwith by his order in writing cause the said Alfred Beaulieu to be arrested and remanded to serve the remainder of his sentence until such time as the original sentence expires.

These terms and conditions being agreed to by the said Alfred Beaulieu in writing, the warden of the state prison is hereby directed to release said Alfred Beaulieu from his imprisonment forthwith.

RESOLUTION upon the petition of Ella Gilbert, alias Ruth Harris, for pardon and release from imprisonment in the Providence county jail.

No. 79.

[Passed in Senate, Jan. 29, 1903.]

Resolved, That the senate do hereby advise and consent to the granting of the prayer of the petition for the pardon of Ella Gilbert, alias Ruth Harris, as recommended by his excellency the governor, and that the warden of the Providence county jail be directed to release said Ella Gilbert, alias Ruth Harris, from her imprisonment forthwith.

RESOLUTION of thanks to his excellency Lucius F. C. Garvin.

No. 80.
Passed April
17, 1903.

Resolved, That the thanks of the senate are justly due and hereby gratefully tendered to his excellency Lucius F. C. Garvin for the able, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this senate during the past legislative session.

Resolved, That this senate, on severing its official relations with his excellency this day, desires to give expression of its satisfaction with his executive admin-

istration and to its appreciation of his admirable qualities as a high-minded gentleman and good citizen, and to assure him of its continued regards and best wishes.

No. 81.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION of thanks to his honor Adelard Archambeault.

Resolved, That the thanks of this senate are hereby tendered to his honor Adelard Archambeault for the dignity and ability with which he has presided over this senate in the absence of his excellency the governor.

No. 82.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION presenting the gavels to his excellency the governor and his honor the lieutenant-governor.

Resolved, That the gavels used in the senate at the present session be and the same are hereby presented to the governor and the lieutenant-governor, and that the secretary of state be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have the same properly engraved and delivered to the respective officers.

No. 83.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION of thanks to the speaker, and presenting him with the gavel used by him at this session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this house be and they are hereby tendered to the honorable Joseph P. Burlingame, speaker, for the able, dignified, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations.

And be it further

Resolved, That he be and he is hereby presented with the gavel used by him at this session, and the secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to have the same suitably inscribed.

RESOLUTION presenting the gavel to the deputy speaker of the house of representatives.

No. 84.
Passed April
17, 1903.

Resolved, That the gavel used by the deputy speaker of the house of representatives at the present session be and the same is hereby presented to the honorable Clarke H. Johnson, and the secretary of state be and is hereby directed to have the same properly engraved and to deliver the same to the said Hon. Clarke H. Johnson.

RESOLUTION relative to adjournment.

No. 85.
Passed Jan. 7,
1903.

Resolved, That when this general assembly adjourns each Friday it adjourn to meet on the following Tuesday at 11 o'clock A. M. during this session. The several standing committees of the senate and house of representatives may meet on Saturdays and Mondays, if they may so decide, and have public or private hearings, but in no case shall any compensation be paid to the members of such committees for their services upon such days.

RESOLUTION to suspend joint rules 6, 8, and 9.

No. 86.
Passed April
15, 1903.

Resolved, That joint rules numbers 6, 8, and 9 be suspended for the remainder of the session, and the engrossing clerk is hereby directed to suitably engross after the close of the present session such acts as may finally pass either house in concurrence; and the secretary of state is hereby directed to certify the same and place them on file in his office.

RESOLUTION accepting the resignation of honorable Horatio Rogers, associate justice of the supreme court of the state of Rhode Island and Providence plantations.

No. 87.
Passed Feb. 19,
1903.

Resolved, That the resignation of the office of asso-

ciate justice of the supreme court of the state of Rhode Island and Providence plantations, tendered to this general assembly by the honorable Horatio Rogers, be and the same is hereby accepted to take effect as therein stated; and be it further

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation aforesaid the general assembly places on record its expression of deep regret that he is obliged by the condition of his health to lay aside the duties of associate justice of the supreme court of this state, which for a period of nearly twelve years he has discharged with such marked ability, impartiality, and integrity as to bring honor to the judiciary of the state and to win the confidence and commendation of his fellow citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That this general assembly in behalf of the state gratefully accepts his gift of his law library and authorizes the chief justice of the supreme court to cause the same to be placed in the judges' consultation room at the Providence court house for the use of the court; and be it further

Resolved, That the sheriff of Providence county be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to present to the retiring justice the chair and desk in the Providence county court house used by him during his term of office, and that the secretary of state be and he hereby is instructed to present to the retiring justice a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed and certified under the seal of the state.

No. 88.
Passed April
17, 1903.

RESOLUTION of final adjournment.

Resolved, That when this general assembly adjourns on Friday, April seventeenth, A. D. 1903, it adjourns *sine die*.

JANUARY, 1903.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

I certify the acts and resolutions contained in this volume to be true copies of the originals on file in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto
set my hand and affixed the seal of the
state, this day of A. D.

Secretary of State.

APPENDIX.

ROLL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

At the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, begun and holden at Providence on the first Tuesday in January (being the 6th day of the month), in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and of independence the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

PRESENT.

His Excellency CHARLES DEAN KIMBALL, Governor,
and *ex-officio* President of the Senate.

His Honor GEORGE L. SHEPLEY, Lieutenant-Governor, and *ex-officio* Senator.

SENATORS FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

Newport.....	John H. Crosby.
Providence.....	Frank H. Jackson. ¹
Portsmouth.....	Elbridge I. Stoddard.
Warwick.....	Francis W. Greene.
Westerly.....	Alexander G. Crumb.
New Shoreham.....	Christopher E. Champlin.
North Kingstown.....	William W. Congdon. ²

¹ Died on the eighth day of March, 1908.

² Did not attend the session owing to illness.

South Kingstown.....	Benjamin F. Robinson, Jr.
East Greenwich.....	Henry P. Eldredge.
Jamestown.....	John J. Watson.
Smithfield.....	Clarence H. Mathewson.
Scituate.....	John W. Bowen, Jr.
Glocester.....	Charles Potter.
Charlestown.....	William D. Cross.
West Greenwich.....	Norman L. Capwell.
Coventry.....	Job Manchester.
Exeter.....	John H. Edwards.
Middletown.....	James R. Chase.
Bristol.....	Harry H. Shepard.
Tiverton.....	George R. Lawton.
Little Compton.....	George T. Howard.
Warren.....	Thomas H. Connolly.
Cumberland.....	Thomas McKenna.
Richmond.....	Alfred W. Kenyon.
Cranston.....	Horace F. Horton.
Hopkinton.....	Elisha Stillman.
Johnston.....	Henry E. Nugent.
North Providence.....	Sanford E. Kinnecom.
Barrington.....	Herbert M. Gardiner.
Foster.....	Henry J. Paine.
Burrillville.....	Herbert S. Joslin.
East Providence.....	Henry F. Anthony.
Pawtucket.....	James E. Banigan.
Woonsocket.....	Charles H. Horton.
North Smithfield.....	Alphonso F. White.
Lincoln.....	Charles Reginald Easton.
Central Falls.....	John A. Remington.
Narragansett.....	Joshua C. Tucker, Jr.

CHARLES P. BENNETT,

Secretary of State, and *ex-officio* Secretary.

DAVID J. WHITE, Clerk.

J. FRED PARKER, Engrossing Clerk.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

JOSEPH P. BURLINGAME, of Warwick, *Speaker*.

CLARKE H. JOHNSON, of Foster, *Deputy Speaker*.

Newport.

J. Stacy Brown,
William J. Underwood,
William P. Clark,
Horace N. Hassard.

Providence.

David J. Barry,
Henry J. Spooner,
James J. Nolan, Jr.,
Samuel E. Daubney,
Patrick J. McCarthy,
Thomas A. Carroll,
Clarence A. Aldrich,
Samuel E. Groves,
Joseph A. Miller, Jr.,
Thomas P. Haven,
Addison P. Monroe,
Albert H. Olney.

Portsmouth.

Henry C. Anthony.

Warwick.

Charles C. Mumford,
Clarence O. Carpenter,
Joseph P. Burlingame,
M. Joseph E. Legris.

Westerly.

Joseph C. Moore,
B. Court Bentley.

New Shoreham.

William T. Dodge.

North Kingstown.

George C. Cranston.

South Kingstown.

William T. Stedman.

East Greenwich.

Nathaniel G. Carpenter.

Jamestown.

William F. Caswell.

Smithfield.

James Harris.

Scituate.

Elisha A. Waterman.

Glocester.

Lucius B. Steere.

Charlestown.

Caleb R. Nye.

West Greenwich.

Elmer J. Rathbun.

Coventry.

George J. Andrews.

Exeter.

Philip A. Money.

Middletown.

Charles H. Ward.

Bristol.

William Fred Williams.

Tiverton.

William I. Frost.

Little Compton.

Philip H. Wilbour.

Warren.

Theodule G. Morrisseau.

Cumberland.

James Y. Caldwell,

Thomas J. Gurry.

Richmond.

Joseph E. Lanphear.

Cranston.

Zenas W. Bliss,

Henry A. Palmer.

Hopkinton.

George H. Nichols.

<i>Johnston.</i>	James P. Moran,
John Walch.	Thomas McHugh.
<i>North Providence.</i>	<i>Woonsocket.</i>
John Ogden.	Fred P. Fenton,
<i>Barrington.</i>	James E. Bradford,
John F. Richmond.	Charles C. Gauvin,
<i>Foster.</i>	John B. Brindamour,
Clarke H. Johnson.	Edward S. Lafayette.
<i>Burrillville.</i>	<i>North Smithfield.</i>
Francis Fagan.	John L. Maroney.
<i>East Providence.</i>	<i>Lincoln.</i>
Stephen S. Rich,	Alphonse Gauvin,
James H. Armington.	Alexander Leslie.
<i>Pawtucket.</i>	<i>Central Falls.</i>
Edward P. Butler,	James F. Murphy,
John J. Fitzgerald,	J. Stephen Dolan,
Joseph A. Hughes,	F. X. Leonidas Rattey.
Charles E. Buckley,	<i>Narragansett.</i>
Joseph McDonald,	Henry B. Kane.

RAYMOND G. MOWRY, *Reading Clerk.*

CHARLES H. HOWLAND, *Recording Clerk.*

J. FRED PARKER, *Engrossing Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS IN GRAND COMMITTEE.

PROVIDENCE, Tuesday, January 6, 1903.

The two houses of the general assembly met in grand committee for the purpose of listening to the reading of the certificate given by the state returning board to the governor, showing names of the general officers of the state elected at the election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1902, and for the induction of the general officers elected

into office, and also for the purpose of listening to the reading of the governor's message.

His excellency Charles Dean Kimball in the chair.

The certificates given by the state returning board were read, announcing the election of Lucius F. C. Garvin as governor; Adelard Archambault, lieutenant-governor; Charles P. Bennett, secretary of state; Charles F. Stearns, attorney-general; and Walter A. Read, general treasurer.

A resolution was adopted authorizing his excellency the governor to appoint a committee of five to escort the newly elected officers to the floor of the house to be inducted into office.

The following committee was appointed :

Senators.—Frank H. Jackson and Charles H. Horton.

Representatives.—Clarke H. Johnson, Stephen S. Rich, and Charles C. Mumford.

The oath of office was administered to Lucius F. C. Garvin as governor, and to Adelard Archambault as lieutenant-governor, by the secretary of state.

The governor then administered the oath of office to the secretary of state, the attorney-general, and to the general treasurer.

Proclamation was then made of the election of the several officers, in accordance with ancient usage.

IN SENATE, January 6, 1903.

The governor announced that he had appointed as members of his personal staff :

P. J. Quinn, of Warwick.

Robert P. Brown, of Providence.

William P. Clark, of Newport.

Peter J. Gaskin, of Cumberland.
George D. Liddell, of Providence.
Sylvanus Mason, of Pawtucket.

For executive secretary :

Robert Grieve, of Providence.

PROCEEDINGS IN GRAND COMMITTEE.

PROVIDENCE, January 7, 1903.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

State Auditor.—Charles C. Gray, of Providence, for the term ending January, 1903.

Inspector of Beef and Pork, William H. Comstock, of Lincoln.

Inspector of Lime.—Henry A. Carpenter, of Providence.

Inspector of Scythe Stones.—Fred B. Lawton, of North Kingstown.

Inspector of Cables.—Frank T. Pierce, of Providence.

CLERKS OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

In Newport.—Charles E. Harvey, of Newport.

In Providence.—Bertram S. Blaisdell, of Providence.

In South Kingstown.—W. Herbert Caswell, of Nar-ragansett.

CLERKS OF THE COMMON PLEAS DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Newport County.—Charles E. Harvey, of Newport.

Providence County.—George E. Webster, of East Providence.

Washington County.—W. Herbert Caswell, of Nar-ragansett.

Bristol County.—Henry M. Thompson, of Bristol.

Kent County.—Henry A. Thomas, of East Green-wich.

SHERIFFS.

Newport County.—James Anthony, of Middletown.

Providence County.—Hunter C. White, of Provi-dence.

Washington County.—John R. Wilcox, of South Kingstown.

Bristol County.—Philo V. Cady, of Bristol.

Kent County.—Michael B. Lynch, of Warwick.

Commissioner of Sinking Funds.—John W. Daniel-son, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1905.

State Board of Education.—Frank E. Thompson, of Newport, and Frank Hill, of Hopkinton, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

Quartermaster-General.—W. Howard Walker, of Pawtucket, for the term ending January 31, 1908.

Judge Advocate General.—Walter R. Stiness, of Warwick, for the term ending January 31, 1908.

IN SENATE, January 16, 1903.

Committee to Relocate Monuments in the City of Providence.—¹Philip S. Chase of Providence.

Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Providence.—²Gardiner C. Sims, vice Richard H. Deming, deceased.

January 22, 1903.

Board of Managers of the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.—¹Charles Dean Kimball, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

January 23, 1903.

Harbor Commissioner.—¹J. Herbert Shedd, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1903.

January 28, 1903.

Factory Inspector.—²J. Ellery Hudson, of Coventry, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

Commissioner of Pilots.—¹Frank M. Burrough, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

State Sidepath Commission, Newport County.—¹George R. Lawton, of Tiverton, for the term ending January 31, 1908.

January 29, 1903.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

County of Washington, District No. 5.—¹John W. Sanders, M. D., of Richmond, for the term ending January 31, 1909.

¹ Appointed by governor with advice and consent of senate.

² Elected by the senate.

County of Providence, District No. 10.—¹John C. Pegram, Jr., M. D., of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1909.

Commissioner of Industrial Statistics.—²Henry E. Tiepke, of Pawtucket, for the term ending January 31, 1905.

Factory Inspector.—²Helen M. Jenks, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

February 3, 1903.

Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of the Uniformity of Legislation in the United States.—¹James Tillinghast, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

State Assayer of Liquors.—¹George E. Perkins, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1904.

State Board of Health.—¹Albert G. Sprague, M. D., of Warwick, for the term ending January 31, 1909.

Police Commissioners for the Town of Tiverton.—¹Nathaniel B. Church, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

State Returning Board.—²George R. Lawton, of Tiverton, for the term ending January 31, 1908.

February 4, 1903.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief.—¹Seth S. Getchell, of Woonsocket, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

Commissioners of Inland Fisheries.—¹Henry T. Root, of Providence; ¹William P. Morton, of Johnston; ¹Albert Davis Mead, of Providence; ¹William H. Boardman, of Central Falls; for the terms ending January 31, 1906.

¹ Appointed by governor with advice and consent of senate.

² Elected by the senate.

Board of Control of the State Home and School.—¹William T. Crandall, of Providence; ¹Ellen M. McManus, of Providence; ¹Henry A. Stearns, of Central Falls; for the terms ending January 31, 1906.

February 5, 1903.

State Board of Registration in Dentistry.—²Henry W. Gillette, of Newport; ¹Peter F. Heffernan, of Pawtucket; for the terms ending January 31, 1906.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief.—²Philip S. Chase, of Providence, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

Board of Female Visitors to Institutions where Women are Imprisoned.—¹Helen C. Putnam, of Providence; ¹Minerva A. Sanders, of Pawtucket; ¹Lydia K. Kendall, of East Greenwich; ¹Ellen N. Cottrell, of Jamestown; ¹Mary Smith, of Cumberland; ¹Jeannette S. French, of Pawtucket; ¹Annie E. McConnell, of Woonsocket; for the terms ending January 31, 1904.

Board of State Charities and Corrections.—²James F. McCusker, of Warwick, for the term ending January 31, 1903.

February 6, 1903.

State Board of Pharmacy.—¹Frank A. Jackson, of Woonsocket; ¹William J. McCaw, of Providence; ¹Howard A. Pearce, of Providence; ¹Norman N. Mason, of Providence; ²Nicholas F. Reiner, of North Providence; ²James T. Wright, of Newport; ²Albert B. Collins, of Westerly; for the terms ending January 31, 1906.

State Board of Public Roads, Bristol County.—John F. Richmond, of Barrington, for the term ending January 31, 1908.

Police Commissioners for the City of Providence.—²William H. Luther, for the term ending January 31, 1906.

¹Appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

²Elected by the senate.

February 10, 1903.

Commissioners of Inland Fisheries.—²James M. K. Southwick, of Newport; ²Adelbert Roberts, of Woonsocket; for the terms ending January 31, 1906.

Board of Trustees of the Rhode Island Institute for the Deaf.—²Lillie B. Chace Wyman, of Central Falls; ²Jeremiah W. Horton, of Newport; ¹William K. Potter, of Providence; for the terms ending January 31, 1908.

February 11, 1903.

Commissioner of Pawtucket River.—²Christopher Duckworth, of Pawtucket, for the term ending January 31, 1904.

February 13, 1903.

State Board of Agriculture.—¹Obadiah Brown, of Providence; ²William Williams, of Bristol; for the terms ending January 31, 1905.

PROCEEDINGS IN GRAND COMMITTEE.

PROVIDENCE, March 6, 1903.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.—Clarke H. Johnson, of Foster.

March 25, 1903.

Justice of the District Court of the Eighth Judicial District.—Henry A. Palmer, of Cranston, vice Clarke H. Johnson, resigned.

¹ Appointed by governor with advice and consent of senate.

² Elected by the senate.

April 9, 1903.

Clerk of the District Court of the Eighth Judicial District.—Willis S. Knowles, of Cranston, vice Henry A. Palmer, resigned.

REPORTS MADE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS JANUARY SESSION, 1903.

1. Message of Lucius F. C. Garvin, governor of Rhode Island.
2. Annual reports of the adjutant-general, quartermaster-general, and surgeon-general.
3. Report of the board of trustee of the Rhode Island institute for the deaf.
4. Thirty-third annual report of the state board of pharmacy.
5. Annual report of the railroad commissioner.
6. Thirty-fourth annual report of the board of state charities and corrections.
7. Annual report of the board of control of the state home and school.
8. Annual report of the general treasurer.
9. Annual report of the state auditor.
10. First annual report of the state board of public roads.
11. Ninth annual report of the factory inspectors.
12. Annual report of the state board of registration in dentistry.
13. Fourteenth annual report of the state board of soldiers' relief.
14. Twenty-third annual report of the commissioners of inland fisheries.
15. Annual report of the board of police commissioners of the city of Providence.
16. Annual report of the commissioner of dams and reservoirs.
17. Annual report of the license commissioners of the city of Pawtucket.
18. Twenty-seventh annual report of the harbor commissioners.

19. Annual report of the license commissioners of the city of Woonsocket.
20. Annual report of the state librarian.
21. Annual report of the license commissioners of the city of Central Falls.
22. Sixth annual report of the state record commissioner.
23. Third annual report of the board of police commissioners of the city of Newport.
24. Annual report of the license commissioners of the town of Lincoln.
25. Report of Rhode Island commissioners of the Vicksburg National Military Park Commission.
26. Seventh annual report of the board of commissioners on uniformity of legislation.
27. Annual report of the commissioners of birds.
28. First annual report of the board of police commissioners for the town of Tiverton.
29. Annual report of the commissioners of shell fisheries.

[The foregoing reports are printed in the Appendix.]

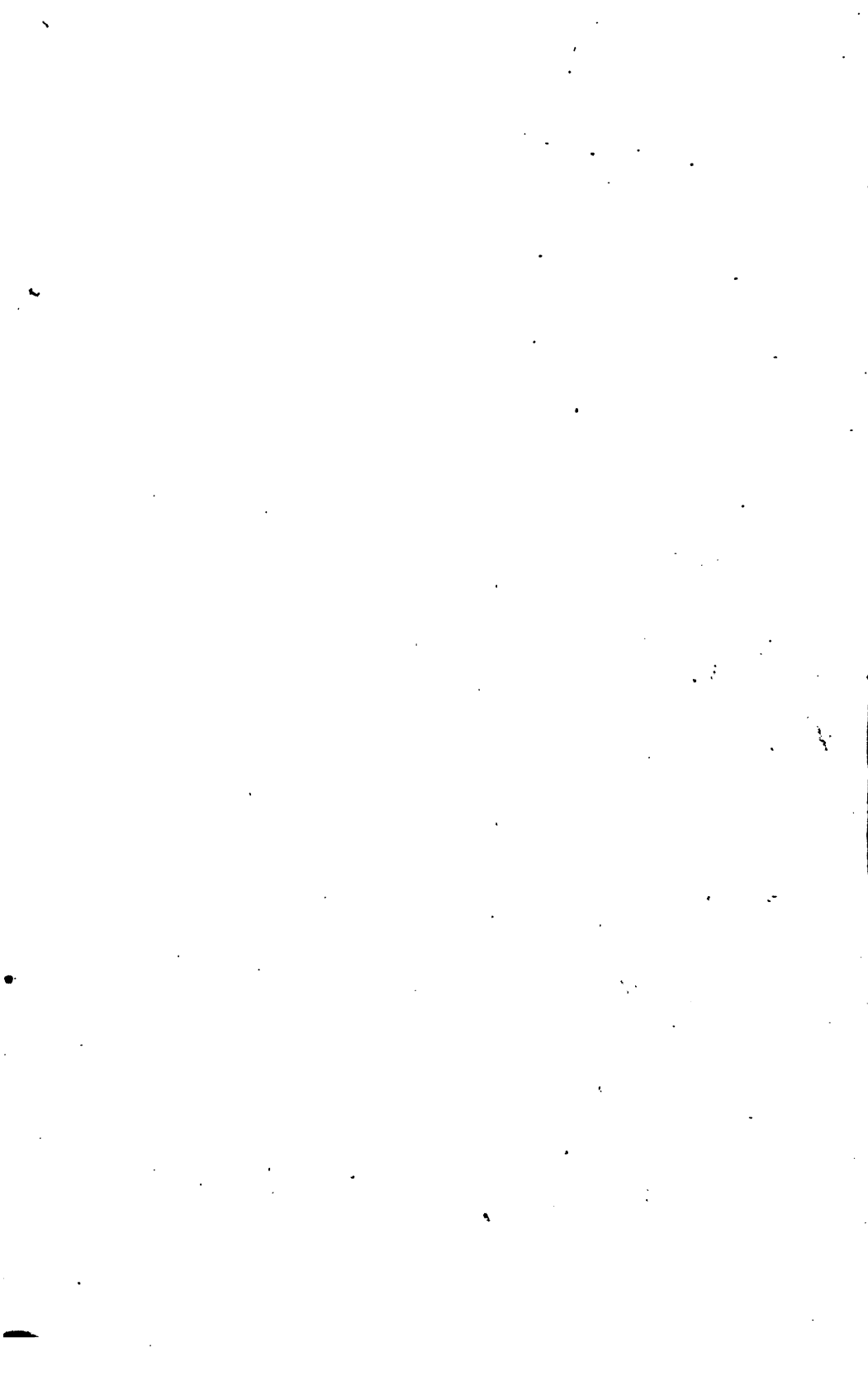
Annual report of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company for the year ending June 30, 1902.

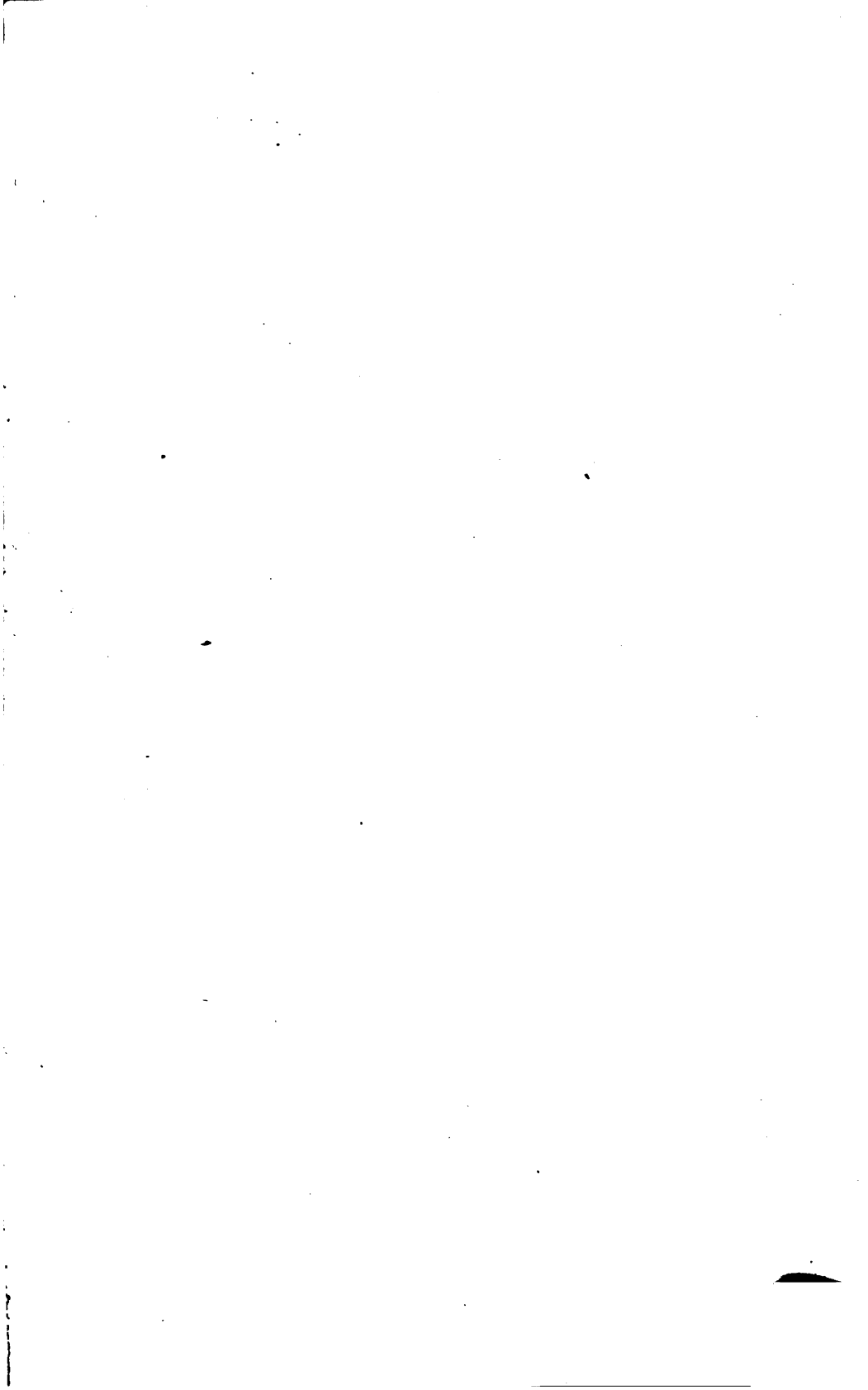
Annual report of the city council of the city of Newport of the Touro Jewish Synagogue fund for the year ending December 30, 1902.

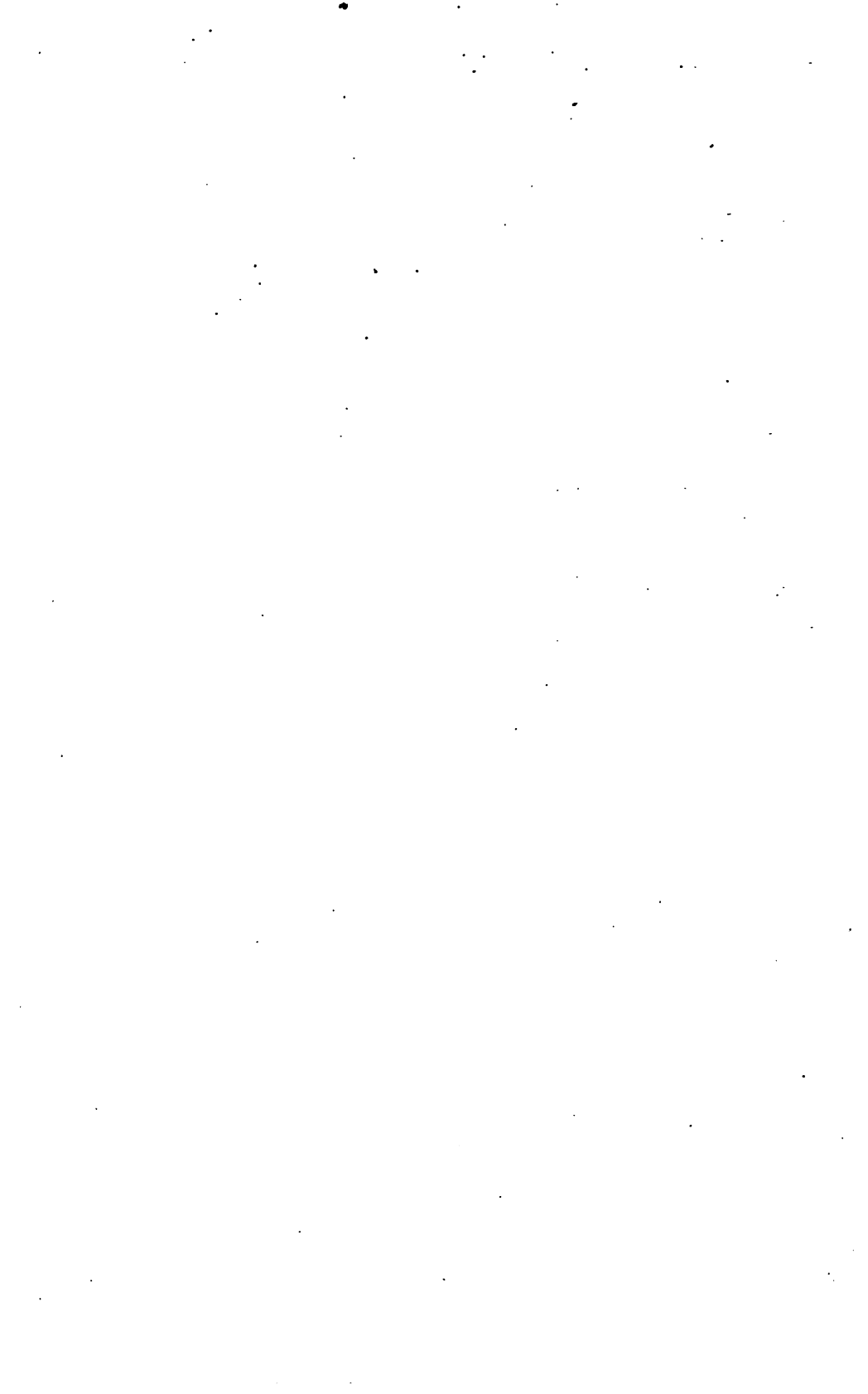
Thirty-third annual report of the state board of education.

Sixteenth annual report of the commissioner of industrial statistics.

Annual report of state board of agriculture.







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